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Congress of the United States.

Begun and held at the city of Washington, in the district of Columbia, on Monday the 2d day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1816, being the *Second Session* of the FOURTEENTH CONGRESS, under the Constitution of government of the United States:

On which day, being that fixed by the Constitution for the meeting of Congress, HENRY CLAY, the Speaker, THOMAS DOUGHERTY, the Clerk, and the following members of the House of Representatives appeared, and took their seats, to wit:

From NEW-HAMPSHIRE, Charles H. Atherton, William Hale, Roger Vose, Daniel Webster, Jeduthun Wilcox.

From MASSACHUSETTS, William Baylies, George Bradbury, Samuel S. Conner, John W. Hulbert, Cyrus King, Jeremiah Nelson, Albion K. Parris, John Reed, Thomas Rice, Nathaniel Ruggles, Asahel Stearns, Solomon Strong, Samuel Taggart, Artemas Ward, Laban Wheaton.

From Connecticut,	Epaphroditus Champion, John Davenport, Jun. Lyman Law, Jonathan O. Moseley, Lewis B. Sturges, Benjamin Tallmadge.
From Vermont,	Asa Lyon, Charles Marsh, John Noyes.
From New-York,	Asa Adgate, Micah Brooks, Daniel Cady, Henry Crocheron, Thomas P. Grosvenor, John Lovett, Hosea Moffitt, John Savage, John W. Taylor, George Townsend, Peter H. Wendover,
From New-Jersey,	Ezra Baker, Ephraim Bateman, Benjamin Bennett, Lewis Condict, Henry Southard, Thomas Ward.
From Pennsylvania,	William Crawford, William Darlington, Isaac Griffin, John Hahn, Joseph Heister, Joseph Hopkinson, Samuel D. Ingham, Jared Irwin, Aaron Lyle, William Milnor, John Whiteside, Thomas Wilson.

From Delaware,	Thomas Clayton.
From Maryland,	John C. Herbert, Samuel Smith, Philip Stuart, Robert Wright.
From Virginia,	Philip P. Barbour, Burwell Bassett, James Breckenridge, William A. Burwell, Peterson Goodwyn, Aylet Hawes, John P. Hungerford, Joseph Lewis, jun. William M'Coy, Hugh Nelson, Thomas Newton, William H. Roane, Ballard Smith, Henry St. George Tucker.
From North-Carolina,	Joseph H. Bryan, James W. Clark, John Culpepper, Weldon N. Edwards, Daniel M. Forney, William Gaston, Israel Pickens, Lewis Williams, Bartlett Yancey.
From South-Carolina,	John C. Calhoun, John J. Chappell, Benjamin Huger, William Lowndes, John Taylor, William Woodward.

From Georgia,	John Forsyth, Thomas Telfair, Richard H. Wilde.
From Kentucky,	Joseph Desha, Benjamin Hardin, Richard M. Johnson, Samuel M'Kee, Alney M'Lean, Stephen Ormsby, Solomon P. Sharp, Micah Taul.
From Tennessee,	William G Blount, Newton Cannon, Bennet H. Henderson, Samuel Powell, James B. Reynolds, Isaac Thomas.
From Ohio,	John Alexander, James Caldwell, David Clendennin.
From Louisiana,	Thomas B. Robertson.

The following new Members also appeared to wit:—from Massachusetts, Benjamin Adams, in the room of Elijah Brigham, deceased, and James Carr; from New York, Archibald S. Clarke, in the room of Peter B. Porter, resigned; from Pennsylvania, William Findley; from Maryland, Peter Little, in the room of William Pinkney, resigned, and George Peter, in the room of Alexander C. Hanson, resigned; from North-Carolina, Samuel Dickens, in the room of Richard Stanford, deceased, and Charles Hooks, in the room of William R. King, resigned; from Kentucky, Thomas Fletcher, in the room of James Clark, resigned; from Ohio, William Henry Harrison, in the room of John M'Lean, resigned; and from Indiana, William Hen-

dricks; who severally produced their credentials, and took their seats: the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

William Lattimore, the Delegate from the Mississippi Territory appeared and took his seat.

Two new Delegates appeared to wit:—from the Territory of Illinois, Nathaniel Pope; and from the Territory of Missouri, John Scott; who severally produced their credentials, and took their seats: the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

And a quorum consisting of a majority of the whole number of members of the House, being present,

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make to them.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Tallmadge, were appointed of the said committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—I am directed to inform this House, that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that they are ready to proceed to business. The Senate concur in the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, to wait on the Pre-

sident of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them, and have appointed a committee on their part.

Mr. Wright submitted the following resolution, to wit:—

Resolved, That the Constitution of the United States, together with the Rules and Orders of the House, be printed for the use of the members.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution, and the question being taken on agreeing thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Parris,

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to procure newspapers from any number of offices that the members may elect: Provided, That the expense thereof, do not exceed the price of three daily papers.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of New-York,

Ordered, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, be twelve o'clock, until otherwise ordered.

And then the House adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 3, 1816.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Benjamin Brown and Timothy Pickering; from Rhode-Island, James B. Mason; from Connecticut, Timothy Pitkin; from Vermont, Chauncey Langdon; from New-York, Oliver C. Comstock, James W. Wilkin, Jabez D. Hammond, James Birdsall. and Abraham H. Schenck; from Pennsylvania, William Wilson, William Maclay, and Thomas Smith; from Maryland, George

Baer; from Virginia, Magnus Tate, James Pleasants, jun. and John Kerr; and from North-Carolina, William C. Love, appeared and took their seats.

Two new members also appeared, to wit: from New-York, Daniel Avery, in the room of Enos T. Throop, resigned; and from Pennsylvania, William P. Maclay, in the room of Thomas Burnside, resigned, who severally produced their credentials and took their seats; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Wright, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that the two Houses, having formed a quorum, are ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that he would make a communication to the two Houses this day at 12 o'clock.

A Message in writing, was then received from the President of the United States by Mr. Todd, his secretary, who delivered in the same at the Speaker's table, and withdrew.

The said message was read, and is as follows:

Fellow-Citizens of the Senate
and of the House of Representatives:

In reviewing the present state of our country, our attention cannot be withheld from the effect produced by peculiar seasons, which have very generally impaired the annual gifts of the earth, and threatened scarcity in particular districts. Such, however, is the variety of soils, of climates, and of products, within our extensive limits, th the aggregate resources for subsistence are mo at than sufficient for the aggregate wants. And re

far as an economy of consumption, more than usual, may be necessary, our thankfulness is due to Providence, for what is far more than a compensation, in the remarkable health which has distinguished the present year.

Amidst the advantages which have succeeded the peace of Europe, and that of the United States with Great Britain, in a general invigoration of industry among us, and in the extension of our commerce, the value of which is more and more disclosing itself to commercial nations, it is to be regretted that a depression is experienced by particular branches of our manufactures, and by a portion of our navigation. As the first proceeds, in an essential degree, from an excess of imported merchandise, which carries a check in its own tendency, the cause, in its present extent, cannot be of very long duration. The evil will not, however, be viewed by Congress, without a recollection, that manufacturing establishments, if suffered to sink too low, or languish too long, may not revive, after the causes shall have ceased; and that, in the vicissitudes of human affairs, situations may recur, in which a dependence on foreign sources, for indispensable supplies, may be among the most serious embarrassments.

The depressed state of our navigation, is to be ascribed, in a material degree, to its exclusion from the colonial ports of the nation most extensively connected with us in commerce, and from the indirect operation of that exclusion.

Previous to the late Convention at London, between the United States and Great Britain, the relative state of the navigation laws of the two countries, growing out of the treaty of 1794, had given to the British navigation a material advantage over the American, in the intercourse between the Ame-

rican ports and British ports in Europe. The Convention of London equalized the laws of the two countries, relating to those ports; leaving the intercourse between our ports and the ports of the British colonies, subject, as before, to the respective regulations of the parties. The British government enforcing, now, regulations which prohibit a trade between its colonies and the United States, in American vessels, whilst they permit a trade in British vessels, the American navigation loses accordingly; and the loss is augmented by the advantage which is given to the British competition over the American, in the navigation between our ports and British ports in Europe, by the circuitous voyages, enjoyed by the one, and not enjoyed by the other.

The reasonableness of the rule of reciprocity, applied to one branch of the commercial intercourse, has been pressed on our part, as equally applicable to both branches: but it is ascertained, that the British Cabinet declines all negotiation on the subject; with a disavowal, however, of any disposition to view, in an unfriendly light, whatever countervailing regulations the United States may oppose to the regulations of which they complain. The wisdom of the Legislature will decide on the course, which, under these circumstances, is prescribed by a joint regard to the amicable relations between the two nations and to the just interests of the United States.

I have the satisfaction to state, generally, that we remain in amity with foreign powers.

An occurrence has, indeed, taken place in the Gulf of Mexico, which, if sanctioned by the Spanish government, may make an exception as to that power. According to the report of our naval commander on that station, one of our public armed

vessels was attacked by an overpowering force, under a Spanish commander, and the American flag, with the officers and crew, insulted, in a manner calling for prompt reparation. This has been demanded. In the mean time, a frigate and a smaller vessel of war have been ordered into that Gulf, for the protection of our commerce. It would be improper to omit, that the representative of his Catholic Majesty, in the United States, lost no time in giving the strongest assurances, that no hostile order could have emanated from his government, and that it will be as ready to do, as to expect, whatever the nature of the case and the friendly relations of the two countries shall be found to require.

The posture of our affairs with Algiers, at the present moment, is not known. The Dey, drawing pretexts from circumstances, for which the United States were not answerable, addressed a letter to this government, declaring the treaty last concluded with him, to have been annulled by our violation of it; and presenting, as the alternative, war, or a renewal of the former treaty, which stipulated, among other things, an annual tribute. The answer, with an explicit declaration that the United States preferred war to tribute, required his recognition and observance of the treaty last made, which abolishes tribute, and the slavery of our captured citizens. The result of the answer has not been received. Should he renew his warfare on our commerce, we rely on the protection it will find in our naval force actually in the Mediterranean.

With the other Barbary states our affairs have undergone no change.

The Indian tribes within our limits appear also disposed to remain at peace. From several of

them purchases of lands have been made, particularly favourable to the wishes and security of our frontier settlements, as well as to the general interests of the nation. In some instances, the titles, though not supported by due proof, and clashing those of one tribe with the claims of another, have been extinguished by double purchases; the benevolent policy of the United States preferring the augmented expense, to the hazard of doing injustice, or to the enforcement of justice against a feeble and untutored people, by means involving or threatening an effusion of blood. I am happy to add, that the tranquility which has been restored among the tribes themselves, as well as between them and our own population, will favour the resumption of the work of civilization, which had made an encouraging progress among some tribes; and that the facility is encreasing, for extending that divided and individual ownership, which exists now in moveable property only, to the soil itself; and of thus establishing, in the culture and improvement of it, the true foundation for a transit from the habits of the savage, to the arts and comforts of social life.

As a subject of the highest importance to the national welfare, I must, again, earnestly recommend to the consideration of Congress, a re-organization of the Militia, on a plan which will form it into classes, according to the periods of life more and less adapted to military services. An efficient militia is authorized and contemplated by the Constitution, and required by the spirit and safety of free government. The present organization of our militia is universally regarded as less efficient than it ought to be made; and no organization can be better calculated to give to it its due force, than a classification which will assign the fore-

most place in the defence of the country, to that portion of its citizens, whose activity and animation best enable them to rally to its standard. Besides, the consideration that a time of peace is the time when the change can be made with most convenience and equity, it will now be aided by the experience of a recent war, in which the militia bore so interesting a part.

Congress will call to mind, that no adequate provision has yet been made, for the uniformity of weights and measures, also contemplated by the Constitution. The great utility of a standard, fixed in its nature, and founded on the easy rule of decimal proportions, is sufficiently obvious. It led the government, at an early stage, to preparatory steps for introducing it; and a completion of the work will be a just title to the public gratitude.

The importance which I have attached to the establishment of a University within this District, on a scale, and for objects worthy of the American nation, induces me to renew my recommendation of it to the favourable consideration of Congress. And I particularly invite, again, their attention to the expediency of exercising their existing powers, and, where necessary, of resorting to the prescribed mode of enlarging them, in order to effectuate a comprehensive system of roads and canals, such as will have the effect of drawing more closely together every part of our country, by promoting intercourse and improvements, and by encreasing the share of every part in the common stock of national prosperity.

Occurrences having taken place which shew that the statutory provisions for the dispensation of criminal justice, are deficient in relation both to places and to persons, under the exclusive cogni-

zance of the national authority, an amendment of the law, embracing such cases, will merit the earliest attention of the Legislature. It will be a seasonable occasion, also, for inquiring how far Legislative interposition may be further requisite in providing penalties for offences designated in the Constitution or in the statutes, and to which either no penalties are annexed, or none with sufficient certainty And I submit to the wisdom of Congress, whether a more enlarged revisal of the criminal code be not expedient, for the purpose of mitigating, in certain cases, penalties which were adopted into it, antecedent to experiment and examples which justify and recommend a more lenient policy.

The United States having been the first to abolish, within the extent of their authority, the transportation of the natives of Africa into slavery, by prohibiting the introduction of slaves, and by punishing their citizens participating in the traffick, cannot but be gratified at the progress, made by concurrent efforts of other nations, towards a general suppression of so great an evil. They must feel, at the same time, the greater solicitude to give the fullest efficacy to their own regulations. With that view, the interposition of Congress appears to be required by the violations and evasions which, it is suggested, are chargeable on unworthy citizens, who mingle in the slave trade under foreign flags, and with foreign ports; and by collusive importations of slaves into the United States, through adjoining ports and territories. I present the subject to Congress, with a full assurance of their disposition to apply all the remedy which can be afforded by an amendment of the law. The regulations which were intended to guard against abuses of a kindred character, in the trade be-

tween the several States, ought also to be rendered more effectual for their humane object.

To these recommendations I add, for the consideration of Congress, the expediency of a re-modification of the Judiciary establishment, and of an additional department in the Executive branch of the government.

The first is called for by the accruing business which necessarily swells the duties of the Federal Courts; and by the great and widening space, within which justice is to be dispensed by them. The time seems to have arrived which claims for members of the Supreme Court a relief from itinerary fatigues, incompatible as well with the age which a portion of them will always have attained, as with the researches and preparations which are due to their stations, and to the juridical reputation of their country. And considerations equally cogent require a more convenient organization of the subordinate tribunals, which may be accomplished without an objectionable increase of the number or expense of the Judges.

The extent and variety of Executive business, also accumulating with the progress of our country and its growing population, call for an additional department, to be charged with duties now overburdening other departments, and with such as have not been annexed to any department.

The course of experience recommends, as another improvement in the Executive establishment, that the provision for the station of Attorney General, whose residence at the seat of government, official connexions with it, and management of the public business before the Judiciary, preclude an extensive participation in professional emoluments, be made more adequate to his services and his relinquishments; and that, with a view to his rea-

sonable accommodation, and to a proper depository of his official opinions and proceedings, there be included in the provision, the usual appurtenances to a public office.

In directing the legislative attention to the state of the finances, it is a subject of great gratification to find, that, even within the short period which has elapsed since the return of peace, the revenue has far exceeded all the current demands upon the treasury, and that, under any probable diminution of its future annual products, which the vicissitudes of commerce may occasion, it will afford an ample fund for the effectual and early extinguishment of the public debt. It has been estimated, that during the year 1816, the actual receipts of revenue at the treasury, including the balance at the commencement of the year, and excluding the proceeds of loans and treasury notes, will amount to about the sum of forty-seven millions of dollars; that during the same year, the actual payments at the Treasury, including the payment of the arrearages of the War Department, as well as the payment of a considerable excess, beyond the annual appropriations, will amount to about the sum of thirty-eight millions of dollars; and that, consequently, at the close of the year, there will be a surplus in the treasury of about the sum of nine millions of dollars.

The operations of the treasury continue to be obstructed by difficulties, arising from the condition of the national currency; but they have, nevertheless, been effectual, to a beneficial extent, in the reduction of the public debt, and the establishment of the public credit. The floating debt of treasury notes and temporary loans, will soon be entirely discharged. The aggregate of the funded debt, composed of debts incurred during the wars

1776 and 1812, has been estimated, with reference to the first of January next, at a sum not exceeding one hundred and ten millions of dollars. The ordinary annual expenses of the government, for the maintenance of all its institutions, civil, military, and naval, have been estimated at a sum less than twenty millions of dollars. And the permanent revenue, to be derived from all the existing sources, has been estimated at a sum of about twenty-five millions of dollars.

Upon this general view of the subject, it is obvious, that there is only wanting, to the fiscal prosperity of the government, the restoration of an uniform medium of exchange. The resources and the faith of the nation, displayed in the system which Congress has established, ensure respect and confidence both at home and abroad. The local accumulations of the revenue have already enabled the treasury to meet the public engagements in the local currency of most of the States: and it is expected that the same cause will produce the same effect throughout the Union. But, for the interests of the community at large, as well as for the purposes of the treasury, it is essential that the nation should possess a currency of equal value, credit, and use, wherever it may circulate. The Constitution has entrusted Congress, exclusively, with the power of creating and regulating a currency of that description; and the measures which were taken during the last session, in execution of the power, give every promise of success. The Bank of the United States has been organized under auspices the most favourable, and cannot fail to be an important auxiliary to those measures.

For a more enlarged view of the public finances, with a view of the measures pursued by the Treasury Department, previous to the resignation

of the late Secretary, I transmit an extract from the last report of that officer. Congress will perceive in it ample proofs of the solid foundation on which the financial prosperity of the nation rests; and will do justice to the distinguished ability and successful exertions with which the duties of the department were executed, during a period remarkable for its difficulties and its peculiar perplexities.

The period of my retiring from the public service being at little distance, I shall find no occasion more proper than the present for expressing to my fellow-citizens my deep sense of the continued confidence and kind support which I have received from them. My grateful recollection of these distinguished marks of their favourable regard can never cease; and, with the consciousness, that if I have not served my country with greater ability, I have served it with a sincere devotion, will accompany me as a source of unfailing gratification.

Happily, I shall carry with me from the public theatre, other sources, which those who love their country most, will best appreciate. I shall behold it blessed with tranquillity and prosperity at home, and with peace and respect abroad. I can indulge the proud reflection, that the American people have reached, in safety and success, their fortieth year as an independent nation; that, for nearly an entire generation, they have had experience of their present constitution, the offspring of their undisturbed deliberations and of their free choice; that they have found it to bear the trials of adverse as well as prosperous circumstances; to contain, in its combination of the federate and elective principles, a reconcilement of public strength with individual liberty, of national power for the defence

of national rights, with a security against wars of injustice, of ambition, and of vain glory, in the fundamental provision which subjects all questions of war to the will of the nation itself, which is to pay its costs and feel its calamities. Nor is it less a peculiar felicity of this Constitution, so dear to us all, that it is found to be capable, without losing its vital energies, of expanding itself over a spacious territory, with the increase and expansion of the community for whose benefit it was established.

And may I not be allowed to add to this gratifying spectacle, that I shall read in the character of the American people, in their devotion to true liberty, and to the Constitution which is its palladium, sure presages, that the destined career of my country will exhibit a government pursuing the public good as its sole object, and regulating its means by the great principles consecrated in its charter, and by those moral principles to which they are so well allied: A government which watches over the purity of elections, the freedom of speech and of the press, the trial by jury, and the equal interdict against encroachments and compacts between religion and the state; which maintains inviolably the maxims of public faith, the security of persons and property, and encourages, in every authorized mode, that general diffusion of knowledge which guarantees to public liberty its permanency, and to those who possess the blessing, the true enjoyment of it: A government which avoids intrusions on the internal repose of other nations, and repels them from its own; which does justice to all nations with a readiness equal to the firmness with which it requires justice from them; and which, whilst it refines its domestic code from every ingredient not congenial with the precepts of an enlightened age, and the

sentiments of a virtuous people, seeks, by appeals to reason, and by its liberal examples, to infuse, into the law which governs the civilized world, a spirit which may diminish the frequency, or circumscribe the calamities of war, and meliorate the social and beneficent relations of peace: A government, in a word, whose conduct, within and without, may bespeak the most noble of all ambitions—that of promoting peace on earth, and good will to man.

These contemplations, sweetening the remnant of my days, will animate my prayers for the happiness of my beloved country, and a perpetuity of the institutions under which it is enjoyed.

JAMES MADISON.

December 3d, 1816.

Ordered, That the said Message be committed to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union, and that 5,000 copies thereof be printed for the use of the Members of Congress.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, to have the application of the money appropriated for the use of the library, and have appointed the said committee on their part. The Senate have also passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee for Enrolled Bills, and have appointed Mr. Ruggles on their part.

The said resolutions were severally read and agreed to by the House: And

Mr. Taylor, of New-York, Mr. Hopkinson, and Tucker, were appointed of the library committee on the part of this House: And

Mr. Crawford and Mr. Taul were appointed of the committee of Enrolled Bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Hugh Nelson:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill to repeal the act, entitled "An act to change the mode of compensation to the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Delegates from Territories," passed March 19, 1816.

The question was taken—"Will the House now consider this resolution?" and determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the appointment of the standing committees, pursuant to the rules and orders of the House: Whereupon,

A committee of Ways and Means was appointed consisting of Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Smith, Md. Mr. Moseley, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Wilkin, Mr. Gaston, and Mr. Henderson.

A committee of Elections was appointed, consisting of Mr. Taylor, N. Y. Mr. Pickering, Mr. Kerr, Va. Mr. Hahn, Mr. Vose, Mr. Law, Mr. Thomas.

A committee of Commerce and Manufactures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Newton, Mr. Savage, Mr. Hulbert, Mr. Parris, Mr. Milnor, Mr. Mason, and Mr. Forney.

A committee of Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Yancey, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Goodwyn, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Hardin, and Mr. Lyon.

A committee for the District of Columbia was appointed, consisting of Mr. Tucker, Mr. Lewis,

Mr. Irwin, Pa. Mr. Wendover, Mr. Herbert, Mr. Taylor, S. C. and Mr. Peter.

A committee on the Public Lands was appointed, consisting of Mr. Robertson, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. King, Mr. Sturges, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Hendricks.

A committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads was appointed, consisting of Mr. Ingham, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. Avery, Mr. Carr, Mass. Mr. Caldwell, and Mr. Noyes.

A committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Chappell, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Southard, Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Wheaton, and Mr. Crocheron.

A committee of Public Expenditures was appointed, consisting of Mr. Pickens, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Champion, Mr. Schenck, Mr. Thomas Wilson, and Mr. Jeremiah Nelson.

A committee on the Judiciary was appointed, consisting of Mr. Hugh Nelson, Mr. Wilde, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Ormsby, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Love.

A committee of Accounts was appointed, consisting of Mr. Little, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Edwards.

A committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business was appointed, consisting of Mr. Condict, Mr. Bradbury, and Mr. William Maclay.

A committee on Private Land Claims was appointed, consisting of Mr. Sharp, Mr. Clark, N. C. Mr. Telfair, Mr. Atherton, and Mr. Huger.

And then the House adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, December 4th, 1816.

Two other members, to wit, from New-York, Samuel R. Betts, and from Pennsylvania, Hugh Glasgow, appeared and took their seats.

A new member also appeared, to wit, from Virginia, Thomas M. Nelson, in the room of Thomas Gholson, deceased, who produced his credentials and took his seat; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Grosvenor,

Ordered, That the petition of Elias Parks, presented on the 13th of February, 1816, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Yancey presented a petition of Nathaniel Williams, who is confined in prison in the county of Rockingham, in the State of North-Carolina, at the suit of the United States, praying to be released from his confinement.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Yancey, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Rice, Mr. Smith, of Virginia, and Mr. Parris.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereon, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where they were again read and severally concurred in by the House, and are as follows:

1. Resolved, That so much of the Message of the President of the United States as relates to the subject of Foreign Affairs, and to our commercial intercourse with British colonial ports, be referred to a select committee.

2. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to Military Affairs, be referred to a select committee.

3. Resolved, That so much of the President's

Message as relates to a re-organization of the Militia, be referred to a select committee.

4. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to Naval Affairs, be referred to a select committee.

5. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to Manufactures, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

6. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to an amelioration of the condition of the Indian tribes within our limits, be referred to a select committee.

7. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message, as relates to the uniformity of weights and measures, be referred to a select committee.

8. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message, as relates to a National University, be referred to a select commtttee.

9. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message, as relates to Roads and Canals, be referred to a select committee.

10. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message, as relates to a revisal of the Criminal Code and a remodification of the Judiciary Establishment, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

11. Resolved, that so much of the President's Message as relates to the more effectual prohibition of the African slave trade, be referred to a select committee.

12. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to the office of Attorney General, and to the establishment of an additional Department in the executive branch of the government, be referred to a select committee.

13. Resolved, That so much of the President's

Message, as relates to the subject of Revenue be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

14. Resolved, That so much of the President's Message as relates to an uniform National Currency, be referred to a select committee.

15. Resolved, That the said select committees have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Smith, Md. Mr. Grosvenor, Mr. King, Mr. Baker, Mr. Ward, Mass. and Mr. Darlington, were appointed a committee pursuant to the first resolution.

Mr. Johnson, Ken. Mr. Conner, Mr. Desha, Mr. Ward, N. J. Mr. Peter, Mr. Tho. M. Nelson, and Mr. Dickens, were appointed a committee pursuant to the second resolution.

Mr. Harrison, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Blount, Mr. Roane, Mr. Taul, Mr. Hungerford, and Mr. Marsh, were appointed a committee pursuant to the third resolution.

Mr. Pleasants Mr. Betts, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Lovett, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stearns, and Mr. Clendennin, were appointed a committee pursuant to the fourth resolution.

Mr. Thomas, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Adgate, Mr. Baer, Mr. Woodward, Mr M'Coy, and Mr. Fletcher, were appointed a committee pursuant the sixth resolution.

Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. M'Kee, Mr. Hale, Mr. Crawford, and Mr. Clarke, N. Y. were appointed a committee pursuant to to the seventh resolution.

Mr. Wilde, Mr. Wright, Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. Herbert, Mr. Powell, Mr. Birdsall, and Mr. Heister, were appointed a committee pursuant to the eighth resolution.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Clayton, Mr. Bateman, Mr. Yancey, Mr. Adams, and Mr.

Hawes, were appointed a committee pursuant to the ninth resolution.

Mr. Pickering, Mr. Comstock, Mr. Condict, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Taggart, Mr. Cilley, and Mr. Hooks, were appointed a committee pursuant to the eleventh resolution.

Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Wm. Wilson, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Tate, were appointed a committee pursuant to the twelth resolution.

Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Webster, Mr. Hulbert, Mr. Whiteside, Mr. Hardin, Mr. Townsend, and Mr. Glasgow, were appointed a committee pursuant to the fourteenth resolution.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Ky.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying the late act of Congress, changing the mode of compensation to the members of Congress; with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. Mr. Findley, Mr. Webster, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Cady, and Mr. Reynolds, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War, be directed to lay before this House, a copy of the report of the commissioner appointed to mark and survey a road from Tennessee river through the Chickasaw nation, together with the amount of expenditures for performing the said service.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of two Chaplains, during the present session, of different denominations, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly, in

which they ask the concurrence of this House. And he withdrew.

The said resolution was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, December 5, 1816.

Four other members, to wit: from Rhode-Island, John L. Boss; from Vermont, Luther Jewett; from Virginia, James Johnson; and from Ohio, William Creighton, jun. appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Vose presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the towns of Westmoreland, Chesterfield, and Hinsdale, in New-Hampshire; and of Northfield, in Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Parris presented a petition of Daniel Manley, merchant, of the District of Maine, stating that his vessel called the "Sarah," has been seized and libelled for a supposed violation of an act prohibiting commercial intercourse with Great Britain, in 1811, and praying that any forfeiture which may have been incurred may be remitted, for reasons set forth in the petition.

Mr. Wilde presented a petition of Joseph Thorn, merchant, of Savannah in the State of Georgia, praying for a remission of the duties paid by him on the introduction of certain merchandise in the port of New-Orleans, in 1815, as the said merchandise was purchased by him, in a foreign port,

out of the savings of a cargo, shipped from Savannah to New-Orleans, and wrecked on the passage.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of David Taylor and Issi Fletcher, praying payment for their services and a re-imbursement of their expenses in curing a sick soldier of the United States army.

Mr. Reynolds presented a petition of William Clements, praying compensation for damage done to his house while occupied by the troops of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the Report of the Secretary of State, on the petition of William Haslett, made at the last Session, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Whiteside presented a petition of Mary Coles, who states that she has lost two husbands and one son in the military service of the United States, and that she is now poor and infirm; and praying to be supported at the public expense.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of William Clayton, presented on the 16th of January, 1816, and the petition of Edwin C. Brown, presented on the 8th of November, 1814, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of the President and Directors of the Union Bank of Alexandria, presented on the 24th December, 1813. and the pe-

tition of the President and Directors of the Farmers' Bank of Alexandria, presented on the 16th of January, 1816, be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Ordered, That the petition of the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria, presented on the 2d of January, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

The Speaker presented sundry documents transmitted to him by Rufus Easton, in relation to the election and return of John Scott, as the Delegate in this House from the Territory of Missouri; which were referred to the committee of Elections.

The following resolutions were submitted by Mr. Williams:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the decisions of Richard Bland Lee, esquire, Commissioner, appointed under the act of Congress, entitled, "An act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed the 9th of April, 1816.

Resolved, further, That the said committee have leave to send for persons and papers.

The said resolutions were read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Wilkin,

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at half past 12 o'clock, proceed to the election of a Chaplain, on their part.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act, entitled, "An act to regulate

the duties on imports and tonnage," as far as it relates to the duty on tonnage.

The House then proceeded to the election of a Chaplain to Congress, for the present session, on their part; and, upon an examination of the ballots, it appeared that the reverend Burgess Allison was duly elected.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, December 6th, 1816.

Three other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Elijah H. Mills; from Pennsylvania, John Ross; and from Delaware, Thomas Cooper; appeared and took their seats.

On motion of Mr. Parris,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Tucker, presented on the 18th day of March, 1816, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Ordered, That the petitions of John Minor, administrator of Reuben Minor, deceased, presented on the 28th November, 1794, the 27th of April, 1802, and 4th of February, 1814, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Wilde presented a petition of John Dent, praying payment of a Loan-Office certificate, issued in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of Richard Taylor, senior, an officer in the revolutionary war, praying to be allowed and paid his commutation of half pay; that he may be allowed to change the location of such part of the land which has

been granted to him for his services in the capacity aforesaid, as lies within the Indian territory, on other public lands to which the Indian title is extinguished; that he may be placed on the pension list of the United States, and that he may be reimbursed his expenditures incurred in endeavoring to cure his wounds.

The Speaker, presented petitions of George Shannon and of Andrew Green, respectively praying for an increase of the pensions heretofore granted to them.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That the petition of John Delafield, presented on the 29th December, 1815, be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Chappell, Mr. Grosvenor, Mr. Yancey, and Mr. Sturges, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, presented a petition of James Gibson, stating that at a late sale of public property, in the city of Pittsburgh, he purchased two lots, the lines of which, when accurately run, differed from the lines as laid down by the commissioners appointed to make the sale, and praying relief in the premises.

The Speaker, presented a petition of the heirs and representatives of Peter Stutes, deceased, praying to be confirmed in their titles to certain lands in the State of Louisiana.

Ordered: That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr Thomas Wilson, presented a petition of Pentland, Hegins & Steele, late contractors for supplying the troops in the States of Pennsylvania

and Ohio, and the Territory of Michigan, praying to be relieved from the payment of import duties on a quantity of flour, which they were compelled to import from the British province of Canada for the use of the army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Peter,

Ordered, That the petition of the President and Directors of the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Georgetown, presented on the 19th of February, 1814, be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Lewis, presented a petition of John Tayloe, on behalf of the Central Bank of Georgetown and Washington, praying that the said bank may be chartered by act of Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr Dickens,

Ordered, That the petition of Jacob Greer, presented on the 14th of December, 1815, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of Samuel Lowry, praying compensation for his horse and other property which he lost whilst a volunteer in the army commanded by General Wilkinson against the Indians in the year 1792.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of the Kentucky Abolition Society, praying for an allotment of public lands for free persons of colour.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of that part of the Territory of Mississippi formerly included within the province of West Florida, praying that further and more enlarged

provisions may be made for confirming claims to lands lying within that part of the Territory aforesaid in which the petitioners reside.

Mr. Lattimore also presented a petition of John Burnett, senior, praying that his title to certain lands therein described may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, in Maryland, praying that the town of Princess Anne may be established as a port of entry.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. presented a petition of Rufus Easton, complaining of the undue election and return of John Scott, as the Delegate in this House, for the Territory of Missouri, and praying to be admitted to a seat in the place of the said John Scott.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Elections.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. also presented a petition of Nimrod Young, praying to be reimbursed the expenses incurred by his son, Morgan S. Young, who, whilst a volunteer in the military service during the late war, was taken sick and died, which expenses he has been obliged to pay.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Todd, his Secretary, as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States,

The 9th section of the act passed at the last session of Congress "to authorize the payment for

property lost, captured or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States; and for other purposes," having received a construction giving it a scope of great and uncertain extent, I thought it proper that proceedings relative to claims under that part of the act should be suspended, until Congress should have an opportunity of defining, more precisely, the cases contemplated by them. With that view I now recommend the subject to their consideration. They will have an opportunity, at the same time, of considering how far other provisions of the act may be rendered more clear and precise in their import.

JAMES MADISON.

December 6, 1816.

The said message was read, and referred to the committee of claims.

On motion of Mr. Tucker,

Resolved, That the committee for the District of Columbia, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting, by law, the establishment of unchartered Banking Companies, or the circulation of the notes of such companies within the said District.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the military committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the relief of such of the officers and soldiers, who, having faithfully served in the armies of the United States, are now in distressed circumstances, and who, not having received wounds or disabilities, whilst in actual service are excluded from the benefits of the pension laws; and that the said committee report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Ky.

Resolved, That the Military Committee, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of organizing a corps of invalids and of establishing additional military academies.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have appointed the rev. John Glendy, a chaplain to Congress, during the present session, on their part. And he withdrew.

The following resolutions were submitted by Mr. Forsyth,

1. Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby requested to lay before this House, the proceedings of the Commissioner appointed under the act passed at the last session, entitled "An act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes."

2. Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby requested to order the further execution of the said act, to be suspended until the subject shall be disposed of by this House.

3. Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby requested to inform this House whether the judgments made by the commissioner under the said act have been paid at the treasury of the United States, and if they have been paid by what authority and out of what fund.

The said resolutions were read and the first and third agreed to, and the second was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Forsyth, and Mr. Webster, were appointed a committee, to present the said first and third resolutions to the President.

The House then resumed the consideration of

the resolutions, submitted by Mr. Williams, yesterday, and the same being again read were amended and agreed to by the House, as follow:

1. Resolved, that a committee be appointed to inquire into and report to this House the decisions of Richard Bland Lee, esquire, commissioner appointed under the act of Congress, entitled, "An act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed the 9th of April, 1816.

2. Resolved, That the said committee, have leave to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Creighton, Mr. M'Kee, Mr. Mills, Mr. Jewett, Mr. Smith, of Virginia, and Mr. W. P. Maclay, were appointed the said committee.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts their secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed "A resolution for admitting the State of Indiana, into the Union;" in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And he withdrew.

The said resolution was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until twelve o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, December 9th, 1816.

Five other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, William Piper and James M. Wallace; from Maryland, Stevenson Archer and Charles Golds-

borough; and from Virginia, Daniel Sheffey, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Ward, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of James Prince, marshal for the district of Massachusetts, praying to be allowed a sum of money paid by him to the attorney for the said district, by order of the court, for his travelling expenses on judicial business, which sum has been rejected in the settlement of his accounts at the treasury.

Mr. Wendover, presented a petition of James Ware, praying to be placed on the navy pension list, having lost a leg while in the public service.

Mr. Savage, presented a petition of John M'Crea, on behalf of himself and Harvey Wakefield, stating, that while in the discharge of their duties, during the late war, as custom-house officers under Peter Sailly, the collector, they were seized by a party of Indians and carried into the enemy's country, where they suffered extremely, from confinement and sickness, and praying a remuneration of their expenses, as well as some compensation for their injuries and sufferings.

Mr. Whiteside, presented a petition of James Humes, collector of direct taxes and internal duties, for the sixth district of Pennsylvania, praying to be allowed his commissions on certain moneys collected by him in the year 1814, but which were not deposited until the commencement of 1815.

Mr. Yancey, presented a petition of Edward Barry and John Hodge, praying compensation for their private property, which was consumed by the burning of the navy yard, in the city of Washington, in August, 1814.

Mr. Pickens, presented a petition of Frederick Stevelie, praying compensation for the services of certain militia-men, called into the service of the

United States, from the State of Georgia, in the year 1794, whose interest in the said claims the petitioner has purchased.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of New-York,

Ordered, That the petition of Rachael Ven, presented on the 18th December, 1815, be referred to the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of Bowie & Kurts, and others, presented on the 17th day of December, 1813, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Brown, presented a petition of William L. Hupper, William Studley, and Benjamin Webbon, praying to be allowed the bounty granted on fishing vessels, which is withheld for reasons stated in the petition.

Mr. King, presented a petition of Joseph Storer, collector of the customs for the district of Kennebunk, praying further compensation for his services during the existence of the embargo and other restrictive commercial regulations.

Mr. Hopkinson, presented a petition of the Sugar Refiners within the city of Philadelphia, praying that the act laying duties on refined sugars may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the petition of John Ricaud, presented on the 22d of April, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Hammond, presented a petition of Alpheus Hill, praying for a pension.

Mr. Brooks, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New-York, on behalf of

Nicholas Rouse, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to the said Rouse.

Mr. Betts, presented a petition of Anthony Latour, a soldier of the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Mr. Heister, presented a petition of John Hoff, an officer in the revolutionary army, also praying for a pension.

Mr. Newton, presented a petition of Eliza Tarbell, widow of Joseph Tarbell, deceased, late a captain in the navy, praying that such provision may be made for the support of herself and her two children, as to Congress may seem proper.

Mr. Smith, of Virginia, presented a petition of John W. Godfrey, praying payment of a certificate issued by a quarter-master in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Dickens, presented a petition of Lambert Robertson, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the petition of the officers of the Pennsylvania line of the revolutionary army, presented on the 29th February, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Condict, presented a petition of Doctor James Smith, agent under the "Act to encourage vaccination," praying that provision may be made to enable him to supply the vaccine matter, free of any fees or charges, to the surgeons in the army and navy, and to any person whatever who may apply to him for the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Condict, Mr. Little, Mr. Wendover, Mr.

Brown, and Mr. Woodward, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Smith, of Maryland, presented a petition of Thomas J. Allen, brother and administrator of William H Allen, late commander of the United States' brig Argus, and in behalf of the surviving officers and crew of that vessel, and the heirs and representatives of her officers and crew, deceased, setting forth the services rendered to the country during the late war with Great Britain, by the officers and crew of the said vessel, in capturing and destroying enemy's property to the amount of five and a half millions of dollars, and praying some compensation therefor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Little, presented a petition of William H. Rose, late a sergeant-major in the 38th regiment of infantry, praying that his commanding officer may be authorized to grant him an honourable discharge, which he is unable to do, for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of James Saunderson and others, presented on the 7th of February, 1816, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Vidal, presented on the 11th of January, 1815, and the petition of the heirs of John O'Connor, presented 21st January, 1815, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of David Crum, praying that he may be permitted to change

his location of a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory, having, through the error of the surveyor, located a tract different from that which he intended to purchase.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That the petition of the Legislature of the Mississippi Territory, presented on the 29th December, 1815, praying for admission into the Union as a State, be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Lattimore, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Desha, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Pitkin, and Mr. Tallmadge, were appointed the said committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Forsyth, to reconsider the vote taken on the 6th instant, on the 3d resolution, moved by him, in relation to the execution of the act to authorize payment for property destroyed, while in public service, in the late war with Great Britain;

And on the question—"Will the House reconsider their said vote?"

It passed in the affirmative. Whereupon,

Mr. Forsyth withdrew his said third resolution.

On motion of Mr. Brooks,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire what amendments are necessary, if any, in the act, entitled "An act granting bounties, in land and extra pay, to certain Canadian volunteers," passed March 5th, 1816, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Brooks, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Bennett, were appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Peter,

Resolved, That the military committee be di-

rected to inquire into the expediency of establishing, by law, one or more foundries for the manufactory of brass and iron ordnance; and what alteration it is expedient to make in the present system of supplying the army with provisions.

Mr. Wendover submitted the following resolution,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the flag of the United States, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Thomas M. Nelson,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending so much of an act, entitled, "An act making further provision for military services during the late war," as makes it necessary that the guardians of the children of deceased soldiers of the regular army to relinquish the claims of such children to the bounty in land, which is due for the services of their parents.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of paying the militia expenses incurred by the several States, without the previous sanction or authority of the government of the United States, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Wright, Mr. Pleasants, Mr. Chappell, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Parris, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Law, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making some provision for the widows of such

soldiers as enlisted in the late war for the term of five years, or during the war.

On motion of Mr. Tucker,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the construction of a turnpike road from Winchester, in Virginia, to unite with the great western turnpike at Carter's, at the foot of the Alleghany mountain.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the joint resolution from the Senate "for the admission of the State of Indiana into the Union;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the said resolution without amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time to-day.

The said resolution was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 10, 1816.

The House met pursuant to adjournment; and The Speaker not attending,

It adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 1816.

Two other members, to wit: from New-York, Erastus Root; from South-Carolina, Henry Middleton; appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Hulbert, presented a petition of Elihu Les-

ter, a soldier of the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Mr. Cady, presented a petition of Susanna Machin, widow of the late Captain Thomas Machin, praying to be allowed the arrearages of the pension to which she alleges her said husband to have been entitled.

Mr. Brown, presented a petition of Stephen Post, stating, that he resided in the British province of Nova Scotia at the commencement of the revolutionary war, but that owing to his attachment to the cause of the United States, he was compelled to remove, by which he lost a great amount of property, and praying a grant of land, or such other relief as Congress may think proper to grant.

Mr. Savage, presented a petition of Humphrey Webster, praying for an increase of the pension granted to him at the last session of Congress.

Mr. Barbour, presented a petition of Abraham Davis, also praying for an increase of his present pension.

Mr. Harrison, presented a petition of Martha Owen, widow of the late Colonel Abraham Owen, who was killed in the battle of Tippecanoe, praying that some provision may be made for the support of herself and seven children.

Mr. Powell, presented a petition of Samuel Y. Balch, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Dickens, presented a petition of Mary Newton, widow of George Newton, deceased, praying compensation for a quantity of flour furnished by the said George to the army commanded by General Gates, in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Scott, presented a petition of Benjamin Hale, praying for a pension.

Mr. Scott, also presented a petition of John

Thompson, and Sarah Thompson his wife, late the widow of Edward Spear, a lieutenant in the military service of the United States, and who was killed in battle, praying that some provision may be made for the relief of the said Sarah, and for the support of the children of the said Edward Spear.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Strong, presented a petition of James Babbit, late of the ordnance department of the army of the United States, praying to be allowed the grant of land and other emoluments to which he conceives himself entitled for his services in the capacity aforesaid, and which are withheld for reasons set forth in the petition.

Mr. Pitkin, presented a petition of John A. Thomas, late a captain in the army of the United States, praying to be exonerated from refunding a sum of money placed in his hands for the recruiting service, of which he was robbed on the 28th December, 1814.

Mr. Comstock, presented a petition of Abraham Cutler, praying payment for a quantity of whiskey furnished the army in Canada during the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Herbert, presented a petition of James Goddard, late a deputy collector of internal duties in the State of Maryland, praying to be paid for a quantity of his private property, which was destroyed by the British forces during the late war, because of his acting in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, presented a petition of William Gamble, praying compensation for services

rendered, as a deputy collector of the customs, in the western part of the State of New-York.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Forrest, presented on the 4th of June, 1813, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Betts, presented a petition of Luther Bingham, confined in prison, in New-York, for debt, at the suit of the United States, praying to be released from imprisonment; which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Betts, Mr. Root, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Law, and Mr. Jewett, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Brooks, presented a petition of the commissioners appointed by the State of New-York to superintend and provide for the improvement of the internal navigation of that State, signed by De Witt Clinton, their president, praying for assistance, in land or money, from the general government, to aid in opening a communication, by means of Canals, between the navigable waters of Hudson's river and Lake Erie, and between the said waters of Hudson's river and Lake Champlain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Clark, of New-York, presented a petition of John Daley, stating, that at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain, he resided and possessed considerable property in the town of Newark, in the British province of Upper Canada, and that upon the capture of the British post of Fort George he joined the American forces, which occasioned the British government to confiscate

such of his property as was not destroyed by the burning of the said town of Newark, which was done by order of General M'Clure, commanding the American forces, and praying such indemnification as the justice and hardships of his case demands; which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Clark, of New-York, Mr. Love, Mr. Cady, Mr. Condict, and Mr. Ross, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Parris,

Ordered, That the petition of Noah Miller, presented on the 1st of April, 1816, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Milnor, presented a petition of Jacob Ritter, jun. Jacob Idler, and John Greiner, assignees of Abraham Piesch, merchant, of Philadelphia, praying that the collector of the district of Penobscot, may be authorized to remit that part of the duties on a cargo of merchandise imported by said Piesch into said district, which fell into the hands of, and was carried off, by the enemy, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Tucker,

Ordered, That the petition of the President and Directors of the Patriotic Bank of Washington, presented on the 14th of March, 1816, and the President and Directors of the Bank of the Metropolis, presented on the 20th of December, 1815, be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

The Speaker, presented a petition of James Thomas, late colonel and quarter-master-general in the armies of the United States, praying the inquiry, which was commenced at the last session,

into his conduct and expenditures while in the capacity aforesaid may be resumed, by which an opportunity may be afforded him of refuting the slanders and calumnies which he alleges to have been so unjustly cast upon him by public officers and agents.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Public Expenditures.

The Speaker, also, presented a petition of Rufus Easton, contesting the seat of John Scott, as the delegate for the Territory of Missouri, and praying to be admitted to a seat in the place of said Scott.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Elections.

The Speaker, also, presented a petition of Peter Snyder, praying for a grant of the land on which he resides, in consideration of services rendered as interpreter at several conferences with the Indians, at which treaties were effected, and for other services rendered to the United States, in their intercourse with the Indian tribes.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That the petitions from the following mentioned persons, formerly presented to the House, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, to wit:

John M'Grew, jun. presented on the 13th January, 1816.

William Daniel, presented on the 13th January, 1816.

John Denley, presented on the 24th January, 1816.

Sarah Rowell, presented on the 26th December, 1815.

Joseph Bates, presented on the 15th December, 1815.

John Bisland, presented on the 19th March, 1816.

William Collins, presented on the 10th Februay.1815.

Gibson Clarke, presented on the 30th Jannary, 1816.

Abraham M. Scott, and others, presented on the 2d January, 1816.

do do presented on the 21st November, 1814.

David Burney, presented on the 1st March, 1815.

Ann Brashears, presented on the 19th February, 1816.

Daniel Burnett, presented on the 30th January, 1816.

Stephen Henderson, and E. Hackley, presented on the 13th February, 1816.

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James Innerarity, and I. N. Campbell, presented on the 13th December, 1815.

Thomas Malone, presented on the 12th January, 1816.

James Caller, presented on the 5th January, 1816.

George Brewer, presented on the 13th December, 1815.

Francis Stringer, presented on the 1st March, 1815.

John Snodgrass, presented on the 8th March, 1816.

George Dickey, presented on the 24th January, 1816.

John Smith, presented on the 10th February, 1815.

John Arden, presented on the 10th February, 1815.

Josias H. M'Comas, presented on the 27th October, 1814.

Frederick Smith, presented on the 12th December, 1815.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petition of the inhabitants of West Florida, presented on the 27th of February, 1816, and the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Louisiana, presented on the 19th February, 1816, and the 12th March, 1816, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That the petitions of the heirs of John Baptiste Baudreaux, presented on the 18th January, 1815, and the 14th December, 1815; of Edwin Lewis, presented on the 4th January, 1816; of James Hunt, presented on the 4th January, 1816. of Henry Henninger. presented on the 5th January, 1816; and of sundry inhabitants of Mobile, Jackson, and Hancock counties, in the Mississippi Territory, presented on the 1st February, last, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Jackson county, on the Mississippi Territory, praying that all persons who have been returned as actual settlers by the board of commissioners may receive grants for the lands on which they reside.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting

the report of the commissioners appointed to mark and survey a road from Reynoldsburgh, on the Tennessee river, through the Chickasaw nation; which were read and referred to Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Baer.

Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. from the committee of Elections, made the following report which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

"The committee of Elections report in part, that they have examined the certificates of election, and other credentials, of the following members, and find them sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House, to wit:

From the State of Massachusetts, James Carr, Benjamin Adams, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Elijah Brigham; from the State of New-York, Archibald S. Clark, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Peter B. Porter; Daniel Avery, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Enos T. Throop; from the State of Maryland, George Peter, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Alexander Contee Hanson; Peter Little, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William Pinkney; from the State of North-Carolina, Samuel Dickens, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Richard Stanford; Charles Hooks, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William R. King; from the State of Kentucky, Thomas Fletcher, to supply the vacaney occasioned by the resignation of James Clark; from the State of Ohio, William Henry Harrison, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John M'Lean; from the State of Indiana, William Hendricks; from the Territory of Illinois, Nathaniel Pope."

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of James Ware, and that it be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Yancey from the committee appointed on the petition of Nathaniel Williams, made a report thereon, which was read: When

Mr. Yancey, reported a bill for the relief of the said Nathaniel Williams, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee appointed on the 4th inst. to present to the President of the United States a resolution adopted by this House on that day, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that he would attend to the request contained in the said resolution.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, the late war, the army of the United States for the time being, and the militia in service during the late war; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Wilde, from the committee on the subject of a National University, made a report, which was read: When

Mr. Wilde reported a bill for the establishment of a National University; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and

Means be instructed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of allowing to the State of Georgia fifteen per centum out of her quota of the direct tax of 1816, assumed by the State and paid at the Treasury of the United States within the time prescribed by law—the usual abatement not being allowed at the Treasury, in consequence of the omission of the governor to give notice of the States' assumption within the time prescribed by the act of Congress.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting the reports of the land commissioners for the eastern district of Louisiana, of the commissioners of the Missouri Territory, and of the recorder of land titles in the same Territory, being eleven bound volumes.

Ordered, That they be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Desha,

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing John M'Kenney, an inhabitant of the State of Kentucky, who received several wounds while in the service of his country, in the former Indian war, on the list of pensioners.

Mr. Pickens submitted the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States, which was twice read, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring therein; that the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States, be proposed to the legislatures of the several States,

which, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the said States, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said constitution:

For the purpose of choosing Representatives, in the Congress of the United States, each State shall be divided by its legislature into a number of districts equal to the number of Representatives, to which the State may be entitled.

Each district shall contain as nearly as may be equal numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other persons.

In each district the qualified voters shall elect one Representative.

For the purpose of choosing electors, of President, and Vice-President of the United States, each State shall be divided by its legislature, into a number of districts equal to the number of electors, to which the State may be entitled. Each district shall contain, as nearly as may be, equal numbers; which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to serve for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other persons. In each district the persons qualified to vote for Representatives in the Congress of the United States, shall choose one elector; the legislature of each State, shall have power to regulate the manner of holding elections, and making returns of the electors chosen. In case all the electors shall not meet, at the time and place appointed for giving their votes, a majority of the electors met shall have power and forthwith shall proceed to supply the vacancy.

A division of the States into districts, for choosing Representatives in the Congress of the United States, and into districts for choosing electors of President, and Vice-President, of the United States, shall take place as soon as conveniently may be, after each enumeration and apportionment of Representatives shall be made, which districts shall remain unaltered, until after the succeeding enumeration and apportionment of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

Resolved, That the committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing a supplement to the law passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Joseph Stewart and others," for the purpose of authorizing the payment of the sum of money mentioned in the first section of the said act to the said Joseph Stewart, his attorney or assignee, for the benefit of himself and his associates; and also for the purpose of correcting a misnomer in the third section of the said act.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Wm. Mayrant, informing that he had transmitted to the governor of South-Carolina a resignation of his seat as one of the members of this House for that State. Which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making further provision, by law, for the final adjustment of land claims in the Missouri Territory, and of transferring the final settlement of those claims to the register and receiver of said territory, together with some third person, to act as a board of commissioners for the same.

On motion of Mr. Hugh Nelson,

Resolved, That the Military committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision for the widows and orphans of those of the militia, who, after returning home to their places of residence, may have died of diseases contracted whilst in the service of the United States.

Mr. Taul, from the committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled resolution, "authorizing the admission of the State of Indiana into the Union," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When

The Speaker signed the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Hopkinson moved "that the House excuse John Sargeant, one of the Representatives for the State of Pennsylvania, for non-attendance on his duties in this House during the present session."

And the question being taken to agree to this motion,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Forsyth moved the House to take into consideration the second resolution submitted by him on the 4th instant.

And on the question, "Will the House now consider the said resolution?"

It was determined in the negative.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Nathaniel Williams; and after some time spent thereon. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Breckenridge reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, December 12, 1816.

Three other members, to wit: from New-York, Westel Willoughby, jun. from Virginia, John Randolph, and from South-Carolina, Thomas Moore, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Ruggles presented a petition of Adam Kinsley, and Thomas French, late contractors for supplying arms, for the army of the United States, stating the insufficiency of the price at which they contracted to deliver the said arms, and praying for an additional allowance.

Mr. Wright, presented a petition of Greenbury Griffin, praying compensation for his vessel called "the Jefferson," which was captured by the British forces during the late war, and while she was in the public employ.

Mr. Peter, presented a petition of Daniel Renner, and Nathaniel H. Heath, praying to be paid for a quantity of private property destroyed, by the British forces, during their invasion of the City of Washington, in the month of August 1814, and which they were prevented from securing, because of the impressment of their means of transportation into the service, of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Wendover,

Ordered, That the petition of Caze & Richaud, presented on the 16th January, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Pettibone, presented on the 12th January, 1816, be also referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Law,

Ordered, That the petition of Ann Welsh, pre-

sented on the 6th January, 1807, be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Langdon, presented a petition of Harvey Gibbs, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hopkinson, presented a petition of John Cook, and William Renshaw, assignees of Kennedy, Lampas, & Co., distillers, of Philadelphia, praying for a remission of the duties imposed on the distillery of the said Kennedy, Lampas, & Co. for that part of the year in which the same was not employed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Grosvenor,

Ordered, That the petition of Henry Malcolm, presented on the 17th January, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Wright.,

Ordered, That the petition of the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, presented on the 12th December, 1813, be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Herbert, presented a petition of Robert Sewall, praying compensation for his house and furniture, destroyed by the British forces in the month of August, 1814, at their entrance into the City of Washington, in consequence of the occupancy of the said house, by a small detachment of American forces for purposes of defence.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of the commissioners of the Real Estate Bank of Alexandria, presented on the 22d January, 1816, be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the parish of Prince William, Beaufort district, and State of South-Carolina, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petitions of Benjamin A. Smith and Raphael Smith, presented on the 1st of March, 1816, be referrred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Ordered, That the petition of the executors of Absalom Tatom, presented on the 13th of December, 1815, be also referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That the petition of Gabriel Winter, presented on the 28th of December, 1815, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Jefferson county, in the Mississippi Territory, praying for pre-emption rights to the lands on which they reside.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Pickens,

Ordered, That the several documents laid before the House at the last session, in relation to the case of Col. James Thomas, be referred to the committee on Public Expenditures.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of the

Kentucky Abolition Society, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wright, from the committee appointed on the 9th instant, reported a bill to authorize the the settlement and payment of certain claims for the service of the militia; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill making provision for three additional military academies; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers.

Mr. Condict, from the committee appointed on the petition of Doctor James Smith, reported a bill, supplementary to the act heretofore passed, "for the encouragement of vaccination," which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Wilde,

Resolved, That the committee on Foreign Relations be instructed to inquire what alterations are necessary, in the several acts, for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchant service; and for the relief of sick or disabled seamen, or those who are discharged abroad after the sale of their vessels.

On motion of Mr. M'Lean,

Resolved, That the select committee, to whom was referred the report of the acting Secretary of War, in pursuance of the resolution of the 4th instant, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of opening the road from Reynoldsburgh, in the State of Tennessee, to intersect the Natchez road.

as surveyed and marked by the commissioners appointed for that purpose; and that they report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the payment of such articles of military clothing as may be due soldiers discharged from the army of the United States.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr Speaker—The President of the United States did, on yesterday, approve and sign "a resolution admitting the State of Indiana into the Union." And he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Bennett,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of modifying or repealing the act, entitled, "An act laying duties on licenses to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise."

On motion of Mr. Fletcher,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Joseph Wilkinson, of Kentucky, on the pension list, for wounds received in the revolutionary war.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Nathaniel Williams, was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Williams," and that the Clerk carry the same to the Senate and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Wendover,

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by him, on the 9th instant, concerning the flag of the United States; and the

same being again read, was agreed to by the House; and

Mr. Wendover, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Ward, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Mason, were appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

The following proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, was submitted by Mr. Atherton:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, That there be proposed to the legislatures of the several States, the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three fourths of the said legislatures, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said Constitution, to wit:

"The Congress shall have power to establish a National University."

The question was taken—"Will the House now consider this proposition?"

And determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Thomas M. Nelson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing a commutation, for money, of the bounty land allowed to soldiers of the regular army, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Thomas M. Nelson, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Conner, and Mr. Milnor, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Root,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act, entitled, "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the

expenses of government and maintaining the public credit, by duties on carriages and the harness used therefor," as imposes a duty on carriages and harness not exceeding one hundred dollars in value.

And then the House adjourned until 12 o'clock, to-morrow.

FRIDAY, December 13, 1816.

Another member, to wit: from New-York, William Irving, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Vose presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Newport, in New-Hampshire, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Parris presented a document in support of the claim of Noah Miller; which was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of Oliver Spelman, who is confined in prison at Providence, in Rhode-Island, at the suit of the United States, and praying to be released from his imprisonment.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Hugh Nelson,

Ordered, That so much of the petition of William Thornton, presented on the 20th of February, 1815, as relates to an increase of his salary, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means; and that the residue of the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Langdon presented a petition of Philo Stoddard, praying for the grant of land to which he conceives himself entitled, for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to

the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Scott, presented on the 13th day of November, 1811, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Harford County, in the State of Maryland, praying that a law may be passed prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of bread stuffs, and the distilling of spirituous liquors from grain, in consequence of the short crops of those articles made at the last harvest, and the high price they now bear.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Thomas Murray, master cooper in the navy yard, in the city of Washington, stating that ever since the destruction of the said navy yard, his salary has been discontinued without his having been dismissed from office, and praying that the said salary may be paid to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of John Chambers, praying for a pre-emption right in the purchase of the land on which he resides in the Mississippi Territory.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petition of sundry inhabitants of St. Stephens, in the said Territory, presented on the 12th of January, 1816, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made report upon "the expediency of amending the act entitled 'an act to regulate the

duties on Imports and Tonnage,' so far as it relates to the duty on tonnage," which report was read: When

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill supplementary to "an act to regulate the duties on Imports and Tonnage," which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Hopkinson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill making donations of land to the disbanded officers of the late army of the United States, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers.

Mr. Betts, from the committee appointed on the petition of Luther Bingham, made report, which was read: When

Mr. Betts, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of Luther Bingham, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Hardin:

Resolved, that it is expedient to repeal an act entitled "An act to abolish the existing duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and to lay other duties in lieu of those at present imposed on licenses to distillers of spirituous liquors," except so much of said act as may enable the go-

vernment to collect the sums now due under said act, or may become due before the repeal shall take effect.

The said resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be directed to inquire into the expediency of paying to the heirs of Edward Abbott and John Abbott the pay for their services during the revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-road from Louisville, on the Ohio, to New-Castle, thence to the town meeting-house, thence to Boon court-house, thence to Covington, opposite Cincinnati.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher,

Resolved, That the committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of remunerating Henry Brother, now of Kentucky, for losses sustained on the Niagara frontier by the United States' army and the enemy.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of Pentland, Hegins, and Steele, which was read and referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the acting Secretary of War, enclosing "A plan for classing and arming the militia, and for calling them forth to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections and repel invasions," in obedience to a resolution of this House, passed on the 16th of April last; which were read and referred to the committee on a re-organization of the Militia.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

The House resumed the consideration of the second resolution submitted by him on the 4th instant; and the said resolution being amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That the President be and he is hereby requested to order the further execution of the act, entitled, "An act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," to be suspended until the subject shall be disposed of by this House.

Mr. Webster moved further to amend the same by striking out from the word "*Resolved*," and to insert the following: "That it is expedient to suspend, for the present, all further proceedings under the act passed on the 9th of April, 1816, entitled, "An act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," and that the committee of Claims be instructed to bring in a bill for that purpose.

A motion was then made by Mr. Hardin, that the said resolution and amendment lie on the table.

And the question being taken,

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until 12 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, December 16, 1816.

Ordered, That Mr. Goldsborough have leave of absence for two weeks.

Mr. Reed, presented a petition of Thomas

Cooke, jun. collector of the customs for the port of Edgartown, in Massachusetts, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Pitkin, presented a petition of Ezekiel Williams, praying to be exonerated from the payment of duties on his distillery for the time that the same was unoccupied.

Mr. Clark, of New-York, presented a petition of Joseph Landon and Ira Tracy, praying to be exonerated from the payment of judgments obtained against them, as the sureties of a certain Bateman Fisk, in bonds given to secure the payment of duties on his distillery.

Mr. Irving, presented a petition of Nathaniel Taft, who is confined in prison, in the city of New-York, on a judgment obtained at the suit of the United States, praying to be discharged from his imprisonment.

Mr. Tucker, presented a petition of Robert Mauck, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a bond given by him to secure the duties payable on his distillery, as he was unable to use the same, because of the failure of the principle upon which it was erected.

Mr. Harrison, presented a petition of Jesse Hunt & Hunt, Riddle & Piatt, merchants, of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, praying for an extension of the time of payment of certain bonds given to secure the payment of duties on merchandise imported by them into the port of New-Orleans.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Pleasants,

Ordered, That so much of the petition of C. H. Saunders and Manuel Judah, presented on the 17th

day of January, 1816, as relates to a remission of duties on their distillery, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Pitkin, presented a petition of Shubael P. Hibbard,

Mr. Bennett, presented a petition of Thomas Newell,

Mr. Harrison, presented a petition of James C. Wingard, respectively praying for pensions.

Mr. Wilkin, presented a petition of John Paulding, praying that the pension heretofore granted to him, for his assistance in arresting major John Andre, the adjutant-general of the British army in the revolutionary war, may be increased.

Mr. Sheffey, presented a petition of John Thompson, an officer of the revolutionary army, complaining of injustice on the part of the accounting officers in the settlement of his accounts, under the act passed for his relief in May, 1812, and praying that a revision of the said settlement may take place, in order that he may have that justice rendered him to which he conceives himself entitled.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hugh Nelson,

Ordered, That the petition of Sarah Easton and Dorothy Storer, presented on the 2d December, 1814, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. William P. Maclay,

Ordered, That the petition of John Ingles, presented on the 12th December, 1815, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Cady, presented a petition of Simeon De Witt and others, concerned in manufacturing bar iron, in the State of New-York, praying that such

measures may be adopted as will enable them, and others similarly engaged, to continue their operations.

Mr. Milnor, presented a similar petition from a number of inhabitants of the State of New-Jersey.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Brooks, presented a petition of Samuel Thompson, late of the British province of Canada, praying compensation for the loss of the property he held in the said province, which was occasioned by his attaching himself to the American forces during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the 11th instant, on the petition of John Dailey.

Mr. Condict, presented a petition of Joseph Wheaton, praying to be allowed and paid at the rate of fifty-five cents per gallon for whiskey, furnished by him for the Navy Department, in the year 1812.

Mr. Archer, presented a petition of Elizabeth Albert, widow of Christian Albert, who died of a complaint of which he was seized while in the military service of the United States, praying to be placed on the pension list.

Mr. Lattimore, presented petitions from Zachariah M'Girt, James Cornell, Arthur Sizemoor, Nancy Bailey, Margaret Bailey, David Edinfield, John E. Myles, guardian of the heirs of Hannah Hale, and Polly Jones, respectively praying to be indemnified for their losses occasioned by the late war between the United States and the Creek Indians.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Creighton,

Ordered, That the petition of Alexander Holmes and Benjamin Hough, presented on the 24th February, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Robertson, presented a petition of William Fisher, praying that he may be permitted to file his claim to a tract of land near Baton Rouge, the deed for which was accidentally lost, and not recovered until after the expiration of the period allowed for recording it.

Mr. Lattimore, presented petitions from Zachariah M'Girt, Margaret Bailey, Samuel and David Hale, Polly Jones, John L. M'Comb, Samuel Snells and others, Elijah Tervin, James Cornell, John E. Myles and others, Nancy Bailey, and Simahoa Fisher, half blood Indians, and Indian countrymen, respectively praying for fee-simple titles to the lands on which they reside, lying on the Alabama river.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

The Speaker, presented sundry documents in relation to the contested election between John Scott and Rufus Easton, which were referred to the committee of Elections.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of Claims, to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of State on the memorial of William Haslett, made a report thereon, which was read ; When

Mr. Yancey, reported a bill for the relief of William Haslett, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of James Humes, and that it be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Noah Miller, and that it be referred to Mr. Parris, Mr. Hulbert, Mr. Cady, Mr. Carr, and Mr. Lyle.

Mr. Reynolds, from the committee to whom was referred the letter, from the acting Secretary of War, transmitting the report of the commissioners appointed to survey and mark a road, from Tennessee, through the Chickasaw nation, reported a bill, making an appropriation for opening and cutting out a road therein described, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Calhoun,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of setting apart, the bonus, and the nett annual profits of the national bank, as a permanent fund for internal improvement.

Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Grosvenor, and Mr. Ingham, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Tucker,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of placing John Haney, a disabled revolutionary soldier on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Brooks,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension, to Sylvester Wheeler, who was wounded at the battle of Black Rock, the 30th December, 1813.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from

the City of Baltimore to the town of Freedom in Baltimore county, and from thence to New-Windsor, in Frederick county, Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Md.

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying the act entitled, "An act laying duties on the notes of Banks, Bankers, and certain companies, and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions."

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Luther Bingham; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker, resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to "An act to repeal the duties on imports and tonnage," and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker, resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, that the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 17, 1816.

Another member, to wit: from New-York, Victory Birdseye, appeared and took his seat.

A new member also appeared, to wit: from Virginia, John Tyler, in the room of John Clopton, deceased, who produced his credentials and took his seat; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Langdon,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Clark, presented on the 3d of April, 1816, and the petition of John B. Joyal, presented on the 6th of April, 1816, be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles Campbell, presented on the 29th of December, 1813, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of Alexander M'Cormick, of the city of Washington, praying compensation for a quantity of his private property, which was destroyed by the British forces upon their capture of the said city in the month of August, 1814, because of his house having been previously occupied by militia in the service of the United States, and because the petitioner was an officer in the said service.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles Croxall, presented on the 21st of February, 1816, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Ordered, That the petition of William Dent Beall, presented on the 4th December, 1812, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Jones, presented on the 7th of March, 1810, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of Alexander Anderson, praying for a renewal of the patent granted to him in 1794, for his invention in using steam in distillation, which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Hardin, and Mr. Roane were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Hopkinson also presented a petition of Daniel Pettibone in behalf of himself and Ezekiel and Jonah Nichols, praying for a renewal of the patent granted to them in 1802, for their discovery of the art of welding and waking cast steel, which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Irving, of N. Y. and Mr. Tyler were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Hopkinson also presented a petition of Samuel Hoffman, merchant of the city of Philadelphia, praying to be allowed the drawback on a quantity of merchandise exported by him to the East Indies, which he is unable to obtain because he did not take the necessary oath within the time limited by law.

Mr. Alexander presented a petition of David Lowry and James Galloway praying to be exonerated from the payment of a bond entered into by them as the sureties of a certain Eli Baldridge, to secure the duties on his distillery, by their paying all the duties due from said Baldridge.

Mr Harrison presented a petition of Jesse Hunt, merchant of Cincinnati, in the State of Ohio, praying to be relieved from the payment of the duties imposed on a quantity of foreign merchandise imported by him in the port of New-Orleans in the year 1816, as the said merchandise was destroyed by fire on the passage from New-Orleans to Cincinnati.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr Scott presented a petition of John Brickey, praying for a pre-emption right in the purchase of a tract of land in the Missouri Territory, on which he resides.

Ordered. That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Yancey from the committee of Claims, to whom was referred the message from the President of the United States, of the 6th inst. relative to the act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy during the late war, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes, made a report thereon, which was read; When

Mr. Yancey reported a bill to amend the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed the 9th of April, 1816; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill concerning the invalids of the revolutionary war, and of the widows and children of the militia, and of the soldiers of the army during the late war; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House, on the bill for the relief of the superannuated officers and soldiers of the army and militia of the United States.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee of the District of Colnmbia, reported a bill to incorporate the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into

the expediency of placing William Maxwell, of the State of Ohio, on the list of pensioners.

Mr. Alexander submitted documents in support of the claim of the said Maxwell, which were referred to the said committee.

Mr. Hardin, moved "that the committee of Claims, in the investigation before them, arising upon the President's message of the 4th instant, respecting the execution of the act to make payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, have power to send for persons and papers."

And on the question "Shall the committee have power to send for persons and papers?"

It was determined in the negative.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the State of the Union, to which was committed the proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, submitted by Mr. Pickens; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Md. reported, that the committee had made some progress in the said proposition, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole on the state of the Union have leave to sit again on the said proposition.

Engrossed bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Luther Bingham,

An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on Imposts and Tonnage; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The remaining orders were further postponed.

And the House adjourned until 12 o'clock to morrow.

WEDNESDAY, December 18, 1816.

On motion of Mr. Birdseye,

Ordered, That the petition of Asa Wells, presented on the 9th of March, 1816, be referred to the committees of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Irving, of N. Y.

Ordered, That the petition of Henry Remsen and Evander Childs, presented on the 16th January, 1815, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Condict presented documents in support of the petition of Joseph Wheaton, which were also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Thomas presented a petition of William Chism, late a captain of volunteer mounted gun men, in the service of the United States, praying to be paid the amount expended by them in shoeing their horses while in the actual service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hammond presented a petition of Uriah Warren, praying for a pension.

Mr. Irving, of New-York, presented a petition of Jacob Germond, praying compensation for his services as a non-commissioned officer in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of Sarah Dewees, on behalf of herself and the heirs of William Dewees, deceased, late of the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for houses and other property belonging to the said William, which were destroyed by the British forces during the revolutionary war, because the said houses

were occupied by the United States as military stores and deposites.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker presented the petition of John Nelson, heretofore presented on the 6th of February 1810, which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Douthet, presented on the 25th of January, 1816, be also referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Creighton,

Ordered, That the petition of Johnson Cook, presented on the 22d December, 1815, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Irving, of New-York, presented a petition of Stephen Rudd, stating that he has invented a machine for propelling vessels at sea in a calm, which, upon trial in the navy, has been found to answer a valuable purpose, and praying that a reward adequate to the advantanges which the navy may derive from the use of his machine, may be granted to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cady presented a petition of Christie Cameron, widow of John Cameron, who, while in the military service of the United States, was taken sick, and died after his return home, praying that provision may be made for the support of herself and seven infant children of the said Cameron.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, on the bill concerning the invalids of the revolutionary war, of the widows and children of the militia, and of the soldiers of the army during the late war.

Mr. Whiteside presented documents in support of the petition of James Humes, which were referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of Dorrance B. Woodburn, presented on the 20th of March, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Ordered, That the petition of Turner and Jacob A. Lane, presented 12th February, 1806, be also referred to the same committee.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of William Thorn, stating that at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain he owned a large tract of land in the province of Canada, which, upon his entering into the service of the United States, as a pilot for the American squadron on Lake Erie, was confiscated by the British government, and praying that he may receive a grant for an equal quantity of land from the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That the petition of Margaret Powell, and Patsy Dyer, presented on the 2d January, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Pickering, presented a petition of the representatives, of the yearly meeting of the religious society of Friends, held in Baltimore, praying that other and stronger provisions may be enacted, to prevent the traffic in negro slaves from one State to another, within the United States, in which traffick they allege that many persons of colour, free, or entitled to freedom at a given time, are carried into perpetual slavery.

Ordered, That the said petition, be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the Presi-

dent's message, which relates to the African slave trade.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Samuel Hoffman, and that it be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the relief of Henry Malcolm, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, also reported a bill directing the discharge of John Ricaud, from imprisonment; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House, last appointed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill "for the relief of Nathaniel Williams."—The Rev. John Glendi, having declined to accept the appointment of Chaplain, the Senate have chosen the Rev. Sereno E. Dwight, in his stead. And he withdrew.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. from the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of repealing, or modifying the act, passed at the last session relative to the compensation of the members of Congress, made a detailed report thereon, which was read: when,

Mr. Johnson, reported a bill allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, of the United States, and delegates from territories; and repealing all other laws on that subject, contrary thereto, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a

committee of the whole House, on the second Monday, in January next.

Mr. Edwards, submitted the following resolution which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending to the wife and children of Joseph Parrish, late a private of the militia, of North-Carolina, in the service of the United States, at Norfolk, and who died shortly after his return home, of a disease contracted whilst in service, the same provison which by law they would be entitled to, if he had died whilst in service, or on his way home.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of N. Y.

Resolved, That the committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the settlement of the accounts of the officers and crew of the United States' brig Epervier, supposed to have been lost at sea.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Malyn Baker, of the state of Ohio, on the list of pensioners.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President to appoint commissioners, to locate and mark out a road from the Ohio river, opposite Wheeling, in the State of Virginia, through the State of Ohio, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting statements of the application of moneys which have

been transferred from several of the appropriations to other appropriations for the support of the military establishment.

The House again resolved itself into the committee of the whole House on the state of the Union, to which was committed the proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, submitted by Mr. Pickens; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith of Md. reported that the committee had made further progress in the said proposition, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole on the state of Union, have leave to sit again on the said proposition.

The remaining orders were further postponed.

And then the House adjourned until twelve o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, December 19, 1816.

Mr. Conner, presented a petition of Francis Le Barron, praying for permission to open and work any copper mine which he may discover on the southern shores of Lake Superior, or on the islands in that lake, for a certain number of years, upon such terms and conditions as the nature and importance of the subject may suggest to the wisdom of Congress; which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Conner, Mr. Root, and Mr. Thomas Wilson, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Langdon, presented a petition of Edwin Safford and Archibald Hay, praying to be exonerated from the payment of their bond, given to secure the duties on their distillery, as they have

been unable to work the same, in consequence of the great scarcity of grain.

Mr. Irving, of New-York, presented a petition the Sugar Refiners within the city of New-York, praying that the act imposing duties upon refined sugar, manufactured within the United States, may be repealed.

Mr. Wendover, presented a petition of the Grocers in the city and county of New-York, praying that the act imposing duties on licenses to retailers may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Clark, of New-York, presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the Niagara frontier, in the State of New-York, representing their losses occasioned by the destruction of their property by the British army in the late war, and praying to be paid therefor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, on the bill to amend the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Herbert,

Ordered, That the petition of John Darnall, presented on the 3d of February, 1816, be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Herbert, Mr. Culpepper, Mr. Piper, Mr. Willoughby, and Mr. Hardin, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Jones, presented on the 18th January, 1815, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Robertson, presented a petition of James M'Closkey, on behalf of himself and of sundry in-

habitants of the Territory of Michigan, praying that himself and the said inhabitants may have granted to them a pre-emption right in the purchase of the lands on which they reside, and that all persons who may hereafter settle on public lands previous to their being exposed to public sale, may be entitled to a like privilege.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of Samuel Haines, praying for a grant of the tract of land which he settled and cultivated previous to the surrender of Mobile to the arms of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the public lands.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That the petition of John Armstrong, presented on the 13th December, 1815, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker, laid before the House a report of the acting Secretary of War on the petition of Robert Sewall, which was read and referred to the committee of the whole House, on the bill to amend the act to authorize the payment for proproperty lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be directed to inquire into the expediency of placing Richard Bentley on the list of pensioners.

On motion of Mr. M'Coy,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from

Hull's store, in Pendleton county, Virginia, to Bath court-house.

On motion of Mr. Forney,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making such alteration in the organization of the corps of artillery, as will place the officers of that corps upon a more equal footing, as regards promotion, with the officers of other corps of the army.

On motion of Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That the committee on Indian Affairs, be directed to present to the House a general view of the measures that have been adopted under the several laws providing for the establishment of trading houses with the Indian tribes, so as to show whether the expenses thereof have been defrayed by the profits, without diminishing the capital or requiring auxiliary appropriations; and, also, to show at what points trading houses are established under those laws.

On motion of Mr. Hulbert,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension list Vassal White, of Becket, Massachusetts, a soldier in the revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That the committee on Indian Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of excluding foreigners from trading with the Indians residing within the limits of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the establishment of land

offices for the sale of the public lands in the Territory of Missouri, at the following places: At the town of Arkansas, in the county of Arkansas; at the town of Jackson, in the county of Cape Girardeau; at the seat of justice in the county of Lawrence; and at the seat of justice in the county of Howard.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the better regulating the leasing and working the public lead mines belonging to the United States, in the Missouri Territory, in such a manner as to protect the lessees in the quiet enjoyment of their leases, and to enable the government to collect its rents.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Resolved, That the committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the leasing and working the salines belonging to the United States, in the Missouri Territory, or such part thereof as it shall be deemed adviseable to put into operation for public use.

On motion of Mr. Barbour,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending or explaining the fourth section of an act, entitled, "An act for designating, surveying, and granting military bounty lands," passed on the 5th of May, 1812, as to authorize a devise of said bounty lands, though no patent shall have been granted therefor at the time of the devise.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of New-York.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of

authorizing the appointment of a reporter to the supreme court of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Morgantown, in Tennessee, via Chota, Tellico Plains, Beaver Dams and Griffin's, to Carnsville, in Franklin county, in Georgia.

The House again resolved itself into the committee of the whole on the state of the Union, to which was committed the proposition of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, submitted by Mr. Pickens; and after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made further progress in the said proposition, and directed him to ask leave to sit again on the same.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, on the state of the Union, have leave to sit again on the said proposition.

The remaining orders were further postponed.

And the House adjourned till 12 o'clock tomorrow.

FRIDAY, December 20, 1816.

Ordered, That Mr. Darlington have leave of absence for two weeks, and Mr. Thomas Wilson for ten days.

Mr. Clark of N. Y. presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Buffalo, on the Niagara frontier, in the State of New-York, to the same effect with the petition from sundry inhabitants of the Niagara frontier, presented yesterday, which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Clark of N. Y. Mr. Grosvenor, Mr. Webster, Mr. Pleasants, Mr. Carr, Mr. M'Lean, and Mr. Moore, were appointed the said committee.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole, to whom was yesterday referred the petition from sundry inhabitants of the Niagara frontier, as also the Report of the Acting Secretary of War, on the petition of Robert Sewall, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and that the said petition and report, together with the petition of said Sewall, be referred to the committee last appointed.

On motion of Mr. Wendover,

Ordered, That the petition of Miller and Baker, presented on the 15th March, 1816, be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the petition of Laurent Bazadone, presented on the 24th February, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Garret J. Blauvelt & Garret Oblenis, executors of the will of Hendrick Oblenis, deceased, praying to be paid the sum of certain certificates issued to the said Hendricks for services in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Pleasants presented a petition of Henry Tatum, praying to be paid for his services as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Mr. Taylor of S. C. presented documents in support of a claim of Sion Holly to a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions and documents be referred to committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion by Mr. Pleasants,

Ordered, That the petition of David Ross, presented on the 12th day of July, 1813, be also referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Wendover,

Ordered, That the petition of Boggs & Thompson, presented on the 20th day of March, 1816, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Irving of N. Y. presented a petition of the umbrella makers in the city of New-York, praying that specific duties may be imposed on umbrellas imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Heister presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Berks, Schuylkill, and Northumberland, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the petition of captain Teakle Savage, presented on the 30th of March, 1816, be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Thomas presented a petition of John W. Simpson, praying for a pre-emption right in the purchase of five or six sections of land in the county lately acquired by general Jackson from the Creek Indians, on which he proposes to erect various manufacturing establishments.

Ordered. That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Ormsby,

Ordered, That the petition of Jacob Yoder, presented on the 14th of November, 1811, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry documents in relation to the contested election between John Scott and Rufus Easton, which were referred to the committee of Elections.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of Claims, made reports on the petitions of Rachel Ven, James Goddard, John M'Crea, Barry & Hodge, and John A. Thomas, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained severally agreed to by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Rachel Ven ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of James Goddard ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John M'Crea ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Edward Barry & George Hodge ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John A. Thomas ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Yancey also made a report on the petition of Elias Parks, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Elizabeth Albert, and that it be referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill concerning the invalids of the revolutionary war and of the widows and children of the militia.

Mr. Lowndes from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill directing the discharge of Nathaniel Taft from imprisonment, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of Henry Malcolm.

Mr. Tucker, from the committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill to incorporate the subscribers to a bank in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, by the name and style of "The Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of George-

town," and for other purposes, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Tucker also reported a bill to incorporate the subscribers to a bank in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, by the name and style of "The Central Bank of Georgetown and Washington," and for other purposes, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House last appointed.

Mr. Tucker also reported a bill to incorporate the subscribers to a bank in the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, by the name and style of "The Union Bank of Alexandria," which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House last appointed.

Mr. Tucker also reported a bill to incorporate "The Patriotic Bank of Washington," which was read a first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House last appointed.

Mr. Tucker also reported a bill to extend the charters of certain Banks in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House last appointed.

Mr. Tucker also reported a bill to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered Banks in the District of Columbia, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House last appointed

The Speaker laid before the House a Report from the Secretary of the Navy on the petition of Thomas Murray, which was read and referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hugh Nelson,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into

the expediency of establishing a post-route from Brown's turnpike by Micker's, now Graham's store, to Charlotteville, in Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the propriety of increasing the pension by the United States to Joseph Kerr, a soldier of the revolutionary army.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his annual report upon the state of the finances, which was read and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The House then again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the state of the Union, to which was committed a proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the United States submitted by Mr. Pickens; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith of Md. reported the said proposition without amendment.

The House proceeded to consider the said proposition, and the same being again read,

Mr. Pickering moved to amend the same:

Whereupon,

The said proposition and amendment were ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That when this House adjourns it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then it adjourned till twelve o'clock on that day.

MONDAY, December 23, 1816.

Two other members, to wit: from North-Carolina, William H. Murfree, and from Georgia, Wilson Lumpkin, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Parris presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, representing the inconveniences which are experienced for the want of an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, and praying that the said inconveniences may be remedied by act of Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Collomy, presented on the 18th of December, 1815, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. William P. Maclay presented a petition of David Davidson, an officer of the revolutionary army, praying that the money which he expended on account of the public while acting as an officer aforesaid, may be refunded with interest.

Ordered, That the said petition be also referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Carr presented a petition of Joseph Wescott, late a captain of volunteers in the military service of the United States, praying to be exonerated from refunding a sum of money entrusted to his care for public purposes, which money accidentally fell into the sea while on his passage from Portland to Castine, and has not been recovered.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the petition of Hugh Connolly, presented on the 20th March, 1816, be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Johnson of Ky. presented a petition of John

G. Brown, of St. Johns, in the British province of New-Brunswick, praying for a remission of the duties paid by him on a quantity of merchandise, seized and sold by the officers of the customs of the United States, contrary to law and justice.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Robertson presented two petitions from William L. Collins, of the State of Louisiana, praying for a confirmation of his titles to two tracts of land lying in the said State.

Mr. Robertson also presented a petition of Hugh Mulholan, also praying for a confirmation of his title to a tract of land lying on Bayou Beauff in said State.

Mr. Robertson presented a petition of the heirs and representatives of Daniel Callaghan, deceased, praying for a confirmation of their title to a tract of land on said Bayou.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of the legislature of the Missouri Territory, respecting the land titles in said Territory, presented on the 14th February, 1816, and the resolution of the said legislature, concerning lead mines, presented on the 10th of February, 1816, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of William Thorn, and that it be referred to the committee appointed on the memorial of sundry inhabitants of Buffalo, on the Niagara frontier.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of James

Humes, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, made reports on the petitions of James M'Closkey, on behalf of the inhabitants of the Michigan Territory, and David Crum, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of James M'Closkey ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That David Crum have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

Mr. Tucker, from the committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill to incorporate "The Bank of the Metropolis," which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill to incorporate the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Georgetown.

Mr. Taylor of N. Y. from the committee of Elections, made the following report:

"The committee of Elections further report in part, that they have examined the certificates of election, and other credentials, of the following members, and find them sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House, to wit:

"From the State of Pennsylvania, William P. Maclay, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Thomas Burnside; from the State of Virginia, Thomas M. Nelson, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Thomas Gholson, and John Tyler, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of John Clopton."

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Shubael P. Hibbard, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Chappell also made a report on the petition of Anna Welsh, which was read, and the consideration thereof postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to provide for the publication of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson also reported a bill authorizing the appointment of Circuit Judges and for other purposes, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House last appointed.

Mr. Calhoun, from the select committee appointed on the 16th inst. reported a bill to set apart and pledge, as a permanent fund for internal improvements, the bonus of the National Bank and the United States' share of its dividends; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Lattimore from the select committee appointed on the 9th inst. on the memorial of the legislature of the Mississippi Territory, praying for admission into the Union as a State, made a detailed report, which was read: When,

Mr. Lattimore reported a bill to enable the people of the Mississippi Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Lattimore also reported a bill to establish a separate Territorial government for the eastern

part of the Mississippi Territory; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House last appointed

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill concerning the navigation of the United States, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Friday, the 3d of January next.

Mr. Forsyth, from the same committee, also reported a bill supplementary to the act regulating duties on imports and tonnage, passed the 27th April 1816, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House last appointed.

On motion of Mr. Chappell,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the several laws which bar from settlement and payment the claims against the government, denominated

Loan-office Certificates,
Indents for interest on the public debt,
Final-settlement Certificates,
Commissioner's Certificates,
Army commissioner's Certificates,
Credits given in lieu of army Certificates cancelled,
Credits for the pay of the army for which no certificates were issued, and
Invalid Pensions.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his Secretary, which is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States.

In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 6th inst. I transmit to

them the proceedings of the Commissioner appointed under the act "to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," as reported by the Commissioner to the Department of War.

JAMES MADISON.

December 21*st*, 1816.

The said message was read, and together with the report, referred to the committee appointed on the 6th inst. to inquire into the decisions of the Commissioner under the act aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Comstock,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the payment to Sylvanus Townsend of two Loan-office certificates, issued by virtue of a resolution of Congress, passed the 3d day of February, 1779.

Mr. Taul moved to discharge the committee appointed on the 6th inst. to inquire into the decisions of Richard Bland Lee, the Commissioner under the act to pay for property lost, captured, or destroyed while in the military service during the war, from all the subjects committed to their consideration.

And the question being taken—"Shall the committee be discharged?"

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Crawford, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill "for the relief of Nathaniel Williams," and had found the same to be truly enrolled:

The Speaker signed the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill supplementary to the act to encourage vaccination, and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr. Pitkin reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And the House adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 24, 1816.

Mr Langdon presented a petition of Jacob Davy, praying to be exonerated from the payment of the duties imposed on his distillery, as the same has been consumed by fire.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the petition of George Simpson, presented on the 19th day of December, 1815, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Irving, of N. Y.

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Lawrence and others, merchants of New-York, presented on the 22d of February, 1816, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. M'Coy,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Black, presented on the 12th December, 1815, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Reynolds presented a petition of Henry Williams, praying to be paid for two horses impressed into the military service during the late war, and which were drowned in crossing a river.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Fletcher presented a petition of Robert Barnes, praying to be paid for a horse impressed into the military service, and never returned to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Scott presented a petition of John Rice Jones, complaining of the official conduct of the land commissioners for the district of Kaskaskia, in rejecting his claim to a tract of land in said district, and charging him with forging the deed therefor, and praying to be heard in defence of his character and property.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Shawnee town, in the Illinois Territory, praying, for reasons set forth in the said petition, that the government will relinquish three fourths of the amount of the purchase money on lots bought by them in said town.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of James Ware, and that it be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Ordered, That Mr. Grosvenor be excused from further service on the committee appointed on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Niagara frontier, and that Mr. Pitkin be appointed of the said committee in his place.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of educating, at the military schools of the United

States, the sons of all officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates who have fallen fighting the battles of their country.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the committee on Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, to authorize the importers of any goods, wares, and merchandise, brought from any foreign port or place into the port of New-Orleans, and destined for Cincinnatti, in the State of Ohio, to give bond for the payment of the duties on such goods, wares, and merchandise, made payable to a collector to be appointed at Cincinnatti; which bonds shall specify the usual terms of credit, to commence from the time of arrival on delivery of such merchandise at that place; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Frederick Busey, of the State of Ohio, on the list of pensioners.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-road direct from the city of Washington to Wheeling, in Virginia, through Fredericktown, and Cumberland, Maryland, and Uniontown, Brownsville, and Washington, in Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing John Myers, of the Illinois Territory, on the list of pensioners.

On motion of Mr. Creighton,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the register and receiver of the land office, in the Marietta district.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Maryville, in Blount county, to Sevierville, in Sevier county, Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing William Reasons, of the State of Tennessee, on the list of pensioners.

An engrossed bill, entitled, "An act supplementary to the act heretofore passed for the encouragement of vaccinnation," was read the third time, and ordered to lie upon the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill for the relief of William Haslett; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Thursday next.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the "bill making an appropriation for opening and cutting out a road therein described," and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict reported the said bill with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House, and the said bill was then ordered to lie upon the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Henry Malcolm, to which committee of the whole had also

been committed, the "bill directing the discharge of John Ricaud from imprisonment," and the "bill directing the discharge of Nathaniel Taft from imprisonment," and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the said bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the bill first mentioned lie upon the table, and that the two latter be engrossed and read the third time on Thursday next.

Ordered, That when this House adjourns, it will adjourn until Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 26, 1816.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts, presented on the 15th of January, 1816, for a lighthouse on Holmes' Hole, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures

Mr. King presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Lincoln county, in the District of Maine, complaining of the advantages enjoyed by British vessels over vessels of the United States, in the commerce carried on between Great Britain and the United States, and praying that such measures may be adopted as will secure to the shipping interest of this country the advantages to which they conceive it to be entitled, or shall remedy the evils of which they complain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Hammond presented a petition of Jeptha Brown.

Mr. Southard presented a petition of George Rowles.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. presented a petition of William Arnold, respectively praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Maryland, praying that the distillation of spirits from grain and the exportation of bread stuffs may be prohibited for a limited time.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Pleasants presented a petition of John C. Shindle, late master at arms on board the frigate "Congress," praying compensation for extra services performed by him in the capacity aforesaid.

The Speaker presented a petition of Elizabeth Matilda Shubrick, widow of the late captain John T. Shubrick, of the navy of the United States, who commanded the brig Epervier, and was lost with that vessel on the passage from the Mediterranean to the United States, praying that some provision may be made for the support of herself and the infant son of the said captain Shubrick.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Clark, of N. C.

Ordered, That the petition of Levi Fagan, presented on the 30th December, 1811, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker also presented a petition of D. W. Boudet, portrait and historical painter, stating that he has, for some years past, been making arrangements for establishing in the city of Washington, a Museum of natural and artificial curiosities, and praying that he may, under such regulations and

restrictions as Congress may think proper to prescribe, have permission to collect such of the national trophies, presents, and other articles of curiosity, as are the property of the public, for the purpose of arranging and displaying them in his Museum when established, and that such other aid and encouragement may be given him as Congress may deem proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Alexander presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, in the State of Ohio, praying, for the reasons stated in the petition, that they may be permitted to purchase from the Delaware Indians a tract of land not exceeding one township in extent, which, after settlement, shall be subject to the laws and government of the United States.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of Joseph Summers and John Allen, praying permission to change their locations of certain lands purchased of the United States, having, through the mistake of the surveyor, located tracts different from those they selected and intended to purchase.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Tallmadge, from the committee appointed on the petition of John Delafield, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of John Delafield, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill "for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And he withdrew.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his Secretary, which is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

It is found that the existing laws have not the efficacy necessary to prevent violations of the obligations of the United States as a nation at peace towards belligerant parties; and other unlawful acts on the high seas, by armed vessels equipped within the waters of the United States.

With a view to maintain, more effectually, the respect due to the laws, to the character, and to the neutral and pacific relations of the United States, I recommend to the consideration of Congress the expediency of such further legislative provisions as may be requisite for detaining vessels actually equipped, or in a course of equipment with a warlike force, within the jurisdiction of the United States; or, as the case may be, for obtaining from the owners or commanders of such vessels adequate securities against the abuse of their armaments, with the exceptions in such provisions, proper for the cases of merchant vessels furnished with the defensive armaments usual on distant and dangerous expeditions, and of a private commerce in military stores permitted by our laws, and which the law of nations does not require the United States to prohibit.

JAMES MADISON.

December 26, 1816.

The said Message was read and referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Af-

fairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to establish a manufactory of small arms near Newport, in Kentucky, on Licking River.

Mr. Culpeper, submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That this House shall, during the remaining part of the session, be adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a sum of money to be expended, under the direction of the President of the United States, in removing the obstruction to the navigation of the Ohio river, created by the falls near Louisville, in Kentucky.

Mr. Desha, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, As the lands south of Green river, now within the limits of the State of Kentucky, was, by the State of Virginia, set apart for the purpose of satisfying claims for revolutionary services, and a portion of which lands has since been, by the general government, ceded by treaty to the Chickasaw tribe of Indians, by which cession many of the revolutionary patriots have been deprived of the benefit arising from grants obtained for meritorious services—that the President of the United States be requested to take the necessary steps to have the Indian title to the land lying within the limits of the State of Kentucky extinguished as soon as practicable.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate "for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter," was read the first and

second time and committed to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Engrossed bills, of the following titles, to wit:

An act directing the discharge of Nathaniel Taft from imprisonment;

An act directing the discharge of John Ricaud from imprisonment;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill for the relief of William Haslett, was read the third time and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to provide for the publication of the decisions of the supreme court of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the same with an amendment, to wit: Strike out the first section. Which amendment was concurred in by the House.

And the question being put—"Shall the bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time?"

It was determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 27, 1816.

Two other members, to wit, from the State of New-York, Thomas R. Gold and Moss Kent, appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Mills presented a petition of the officers of the fifth regiment of the second brigade of the fourth division of the militia of Massachusetts, praying that the militia laws of the United States

may be revised, and that certain parts thereof, relating to the uniforming and equipping of non-commissioned officers and soldiers, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on that part of the President's Message which relates to a re-organization of the militia.

Mr. Ward, of Mass. presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of umbrellas and parasols in Boston, praying that a specific duty may be imposed on those articles imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel S. Dexter, presented on the 14th of March, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Law presented a petition of John Fanning, praying to be allowed and paid the commutation of half pay, to which he conceives himself entitled for his services as an officer in the hospital department of the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Paul D. Luke, keeper of the light house at Old Point Comfort, praying for increase of his salary.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hardin presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Hardin and Breckenridge counties, in Kentucky, praying for the establishment of a post route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

The Speaker presented a petition of Joshua Wilder, stating that at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain he was a resident of the province of Canada, which he abandoned, leaving behind property of a considerable value, which has been confiscated; and that he then entered into the military service of the United States, finding his own horse and accoutrements, and praying compensation therefor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Shields, presented on the 14th of March, 1816, be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petition of Richard Claiborne, presented on the 15th of February, 1816, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Monroe county, in the Mississippi Territory, praying that a pre-emption right in the purchase of a certain tract of land, in said county, may be given to John Bradford, upon condition of his erecting a grist and saw mill upon the same.

Mr. Lattimore also presented a petition of Diego M'Voy, praying to be placed on the same footing, with respect to his title to a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory, as if his title papers to the same had been filed with the land commissioners in due time.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Telfair presented a petition of Jonas Fauche, stating that in the years 1793, and 1794, he commanded a troop of militia dragoons, in the service of the United States, during which time

the said troop furnished themselves with arms, horses, camp equipage, and clothing, he prays that himself and the men under his command may be allowed and paid such compensation for their services, and the use and risk of their equipments, as may be just and proper, which was referred to a select committee.

Mr. Telfair, Mr. Love, Mr. Huger, Mr. Hulbert, and Mr. Hawes, were appointed the said committee.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs, be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Stephen Rudd, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Cannon, submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of laying off, and establishing a separate surveyor's district within the Mississippi Territory, adjoining the southern boundary of the State of Tennessee, and including the late purchases made from the Cherokee and Chickasaw Indians, and to provide for the appointment of a principal surveyor for said district; also a register and receiver of public moneys; and make such further provision as may be necessary to have the lands within the same, to which the Indian title has been extinguished, surveyed and offered for sale as soon as it is practicable.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of N. Y.

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act, making further provision for military services during the late war, and for other purposes, passed April 6, 1816, as to require a relinquishment of land bounty on the part

of the heirs and representatives of volunteers, enlisted under the act, authorizing the President of the United States to accept and organize, certain volunteer military corps, passed February 6, 1812, previous to placing the widows or children of said volunteers upon the pension list, under the first-mentioned act.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Velonia, by Brownstown to New-Natchez, all in the county of Jackson and State of Indiana.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route in the state of Indiana, from Lexington in the county of Jefferson, by the way of Salem in the county of Washington to Paoli, in the county of Orange.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Corydon, in the county of Harrison to Salem, in the county of Washington.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Frankfort in the State of Kentucky, to Madison in the State of Indiana.

On motion of Mr. Lyon,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Craftsborough through Kellyvale and Montgomery, to Richford in the State of Vermont.

On motion of Mr. Mills,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the post-road from

Northampton, through the towns of Sunderland and Montague, to Northfield in the State of Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. M'Lean,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and the Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route fom Union Court-House, Kentucky, to Hopkinsville, by Bellville and Madisonville.

Mr. Thomas submitted the following resolution, which was read and *rejected.*

Resolved, that the committee on Roads and Canals, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating twenty thousand dollars for the improvement of the navigation of the Muscle Shoals, in the Mississippi Territory.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act "authorizing the payment for property, lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed the 9th day of April, 1816; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict reported, that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And then the House adjorned.

MONDAY, December 30, 1816.

Another member, to wit, from the State of New-Hampshire, Bradbury Cilley, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Ward, of Mass.

Ordered, That the petition of William Osborne, presented on the 31st of May, 1813, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Gold presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Verona and Westmoreland, in the State of New-York, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

On motion of Mr. Wilkin,

Ordered, That the petition of Jeremiah M'Cready and Jonathan Brooks, presented on the 25th of April, 1816, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of Mary Bruff, widow of Thomas Bruff, deceased, setting forth that during the late war her husband invented and set at work, within the navy yard in the city of Washington, a machine for manufacturing leaden bullets, buck shot, &c. which was destroyed at the burning of that yard, in August, 1814, and praying compensation therefor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Hertick, presented on the 17th of February, 1815, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Condict presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of bar iron, praying the duties imposed on foreign iron, imported into the United States, may be so increased as will enable the manufacturers in this country to continue their business.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Fletcher presented a petition of Edward

Stiver, praying for a pension, which was referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of the legislature of the Mississippi Territory, praying that the said Territory may be erected into a State Government, and admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition, a copy of that last presented by the Speaker.

Mr Lattimore also presented a petition from sundry members of the legislature of the said Territory, praying that the Territory may be divided into two equal parts, and that the western section may be erected into a State Government, and admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of the whole House, on the bill to enable the people of the western part of the Mississippi Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union.

The Speaker presented a petition of John Adams, late contractor for making a part of the Cumberland road, praying for an additional allowance of 3,360 dollars in the settlement of his accounts for making said road, that sum having been awarded to him, by competent judges, in addition to the sum stipulated in the contract.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Creighton presented a petition of Uriah Barber, William Kendall, Henry Richart, and John Clegman, praying to be permitted to change the locations of lands purchased of the United States; having, through a mistake in marking the

corners of their tracts, located lands different from those they originally intended to purchase.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott, presented sundry resolutions adopted by the legislature of the Territory of Missouri, requesting Congress to adopt some more enlarged and liberal principle respecting the confirmation of land titles in said Territory—to extend the time allowed for recording land titles—to establish two additional land offices for the sale of public lands, and that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of public lands in said Territory may be extended.

Ordered, That the said resolutions, together with the resolutions of the legislature of the Territory aforesaid, presented on the 17th January, 1816, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Thomas Newell.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of John Hoff, Daniel Jones, Jacob Germand, and Lambert Robinson, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the application of John Hoff is unreasonable and ought to be *rejected.*

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Captain Daniel Jones is unsupported and ought to be *rejected.*

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Jacob Germand is unsupported, unreasonable, and ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Lambert Robinson is unreasonable, and ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Chappell also made a report on the petition of David Davidson, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Condict, from the committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made a report, in part, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tucker, from the committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill to incorporate the subscribers to a bank in the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, by the name and style of "The Franklin Bank of Alexandria," and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole on the bill to incorporate the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Georgetown.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of Thomas I. Allen, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Calhoun,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of an act, entitled, "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," passed the 3d of March, 1809, as authorizes the President of the United States to transfer appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension list Robert J. Lowry, first lieutenant in the Amite troop of Mississippi dragoons.

Mr. Lattimore presented a document in support of the claim of the said Lowry, which was referred to the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation now allowed by law to Timothy Carrington, postmaster at Aldie, in Loudon county, Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Hugh Nelson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into expediency of further extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the General Land Office; and also of further extending the time to complete the surveys, and obtain the patents for lands located under Virginia resolution warrants; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dickens, and Mr. Sheffey, were appointed the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adopting such restrictions, as will be calculated to prevent the formation of companies to monopolize the public lands in the Mississippi Territory.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the expenditure and application of the moneys drawn from the Treasury by the Secretary of War, in the year ending 30th September, 1816, which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act, au-

thorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 31st, 1816.

Mr. Ward, of Massachusetts, presented a petition of Ephraim Jones, and John Frull, distillers, praying that they may be permitted to surrender to the collector, the licence granted them to use their distillery, on paying for the time they have used the same.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Providence in Rhode-Island, praying that the act laying duties on licenses to retail may be repealed.

Mr. Grosvenor presented a petition of Reuben M. Folger, and others, praying to be exonerated from the payment of that part of a bond given by them to secure the duties on their distillery, as remains unsatisfied, for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Clark of New-York, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Ontario, Gennessee and Niagara, in the State of New-York praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Mr. Forsyth presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Georgia, members of the Legislature of that State, praying that the post-route between Milledgeville and Savannah may not be discontinued.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committe on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of sundry warrant officers in the quarter-master-general's department of the late army of the United States, praying to be allowed, in the settlement of their accounts, the money paid by them for fuel and for the hire of quarters and servants, as also, the three months additional pay allowed by law to deranged officers.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Irving of New-York, presented a petition of Jacob Schieffelin and Son, druggists, of the city of New-York, stating that in the year 1808, by permission of the President of the United States, they despatched a vessel to the French island of Gaudaloupe to bring home a cargo of Sugar, the property of the petitioners then lying in that Island, which vessel on her return voyage was captured by a British cruiser and carried into a British port where the cargo was condemned: and upon an appeal being carried up to the high court of admiralty in Great Britain, the judgment of condemnation was reversed, but before they could draw the proceeds of said cargo out of the hands of the British authorities, the late war with Great Britain took place upon which the said proceeds were confiscated and declared lawful prize to the king, and praying the interference of Congress in such manner as will enable them to recover the money so unjustly seized and confiscated.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of sundry merchants of Norfolk, in Virginia, praying to be paid the amount of certain claims which they held upon the government of France for spoliations committed on their lawful commerce by the cruisers of that nation prior to the year 1800, as by a subsequent treaty with France, their said claims have been abandoned.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion of Mr. Savage,

Ordered, That the petition of Caleb Nichols and Joseph I. Green, presented on the 24th January, 1816, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of Francis J. Dallum, praying compensation for his services as assistant brigade quarter-master to a brigade of Maryland militia, in the service of the United States, in the year 1814.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Forsyth presented a petition of James Wood, administrator and heir of captain Edward Wood, of the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed the commutation of half pay, to which the said Edward Wood was entitled.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Crawford,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Spangler, on behalf of the heirs of George Nebinger, pre-presented on the 13th of April, 1812, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of the Levy Court of the county of Alexandria, in the District

of Columbia, praying the aid of Congress in the erection of a jail in the said county.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Territory of Michigan, praying to be allowed further time to file their claims to donations of land under the act of the 23d of April, 1812.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petition of William Gilchrist, presented on the 1st of March, 1816, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill for the relief of Isaac Lawrence and others, merchants residing in the city of New-York, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Saturday next.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, made reports on the petitions of Sundry innhabitants of Jefferson county, in the Mississippi Territory, John W. Simpson, and of sundry inhabitants of Shawnee town, in the Illinois Territory, which were read, and the resolutions therein contained were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Jefferson county, in the Mississippi Territory, ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John W. Simpson ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Shawnee town ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Elections, made a report on the petition of Rufus Easton, contesting the election of John Scott, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have *rejected* the bill "for the relief of Luther Bingham."

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Susannah Machin, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought to be *rejected*.

Mr. Chappell also made a report on the petition of Anthony Latour, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams, from the select committee, appointed to inquire into the decisions of Richard Bland Lee, made report, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the select committee, appointed to inquire into the decisions of Richard Bland Lee, esq. be discharged from a further consideration of the subjects referred to them.

On motion of Mr. Grosvenor,

Ordered, That the several papers referred to the consideration of the committee last discharged be referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill to amend the act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed while in the military service.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the acting Secretary of War, transmitting his

report on the letter of major general Harrison, and the accompanying documents, referred to the Secretary of War, by this House, on the 30th of April, last, which were read and referred to Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Peter, Mr. Forney, Mr. Smith, of Maryland, Mr. Hulbert, and Mr. Thomas M. Nelson.

On motion of Mr. Webster,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be directed to inquire into the expediency of remitting the duties paid on a certain quantity of steel in the year 1814, by Edmund and Jonathan Dwight.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns it will adjourn to meet again on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 2d, 1817.

Another member, to wit; from the State of Virginia, John G. Jackson, appeared and took his seat.

A new member, to wit; from the State of South Carolina, Stephen D Miller, in the room of William Mayrant, resigned, appeared and took his

seat; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Jeremiah Nelson presented a petition of sundry merchants of Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, praying to the same effect with the petition of sundry merchants of Norfolk, presented on the 31st ultimo.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Moseley presented a petition of Andrew Law, praying for a renewal of the patent heretofore granted to him for his invention of a new plan of printing music; which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Moseley, Mr. Wilde, and Mr. Miller were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of Paul Robinson, stating that while in the military service of the United States as a teamster, during the late war with Great Britain, a quantity of rum was taken from an inhabitant of the province of Canada and placed in his sleigh, which was afterwards used by the United States' troops; that he has since the close of the war been arrested in the said province, and compelled to pay for the same: he, therefore, prays that the amount thereof may be refunded to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Irving presented a petition of sundry merchants of the city of New-York, and of Salem, and Beverly, in the State of Massachusetts, praying to be paid the amount of certain certificates of drawback, issued to them by the collectors of the said ports in the years 1799 and 1800.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr Taylor, of N. Y. presented a petition of Henry Turner, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Md. presented a petition of Alexander Stuart praying to be released from his liability as the surety of a certain John Ricaud, late a paymaster in the army; and that the property which he has conveyed to satisfy the judgment already rendered againt him may be released, as the proper steps were not taken in time to make said Ricaud account for the moneys placed in his hands.

Mr. Burwell presented a petition of Margaret Houtchens, widow of Bennett Houtchens, deceased, who became the surety of a certain William Burnett in a bond to secure the duties on a distillery, praying to be exonerated from the payment of the said bond, as her husband died in the military service, leaving her, in very reduced circumstances, with seven small children.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Little presented documents in support of the claim of Thomas Murray, which were referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

The Speaker presented a petition of George Mayfield praying to be confirmed in his title to a tract of land granted to him by the friendly Creek Indians, and lying within the tract lately ceded to the United States by the said Indians.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter, addressed to him by Edwin Lewis, of the Mississippi

Territory, enclosing sundry charges against Harry Toulmin, judge of the Superior Court of the Mississippi Territory east of Pearl river, and soliciting that the said charges may be inquired into; which letter is, also, accompanied with sundry documents in support of the said charges.

Ordered, That the said letter, charges, and documents, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Robertson presented a petition of Robert Burnside, merchant of Philadelphia, stating, that in the year 1810, he imported a cargo of British goods into the port of New-Orleans, which were seized, libelled, and, as he alleges, illegally concondemned; and praying an investigation of the proceedings in the case, to the end that he may have that justice rendered to which he conceives himself entitled.

Mr. Robertson also presented a petion of William Elliot, clerk in the Patent Office, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Robertson also presented a petition of Ann Thruston, widow of the late colonel Charles Mynn Thruston, an officer of the revolutionary army, praying that the pension heretofore granted to her husband may be continued to her.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of John G. Brown, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the house, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Lowndes also made a report on the petition of C. H. Sanders and Manuel Judah, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate "for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter," reported the same with amendments.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Eliza Tarbell, and that it be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of N. Y.

Ordered, That Rufus Easton have leave to appear at the Bar of this House to be heard in support of his claim to a seat therein, as the delegate from the Territory of Missouri.

Mr. Wendover from the select committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the flag of the United States, made a detailed report, which was read; When

Mr. Wendover reported a bill to alter the flag of the United States, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to satisfy the claims of the friendly Creek Indians whose property was

plundered by the hostile Creeks, in consequence of their attachment to the United States.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Shelbyville to Winchester, in the State of Tennessee.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Acting Secretary of War, on the applications for pensions, and for increase of pensions, which was read and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The House took into consideration the resolution submitted by Mr. Culpeper, on the 26th ult. to change the hour of meeting, and the same being read was agreed to by the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the engrossed bill entitled, "An act for the relief of William Haslett," and the same being again read.

The question was taken, shall this bill pass?

It passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his secretary, notifying that the President did this day approve and sign, "An act for the relief of Nathaniel Williams."

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January, 3, 1817.

Mr. Ward, of New-York, presented a petition of Samuel Tompkins, stating, that at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain, he was an inhabitant of the province of Canada, where he

was possessed of a considerable real and personal estate, which, upon his joining the American forces, was confiscated by the British authorities, and praying such relief in the premises as Congress may, in their wisdom, think proper to grant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of sundry merchants of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying to the same effect with the petition of sundry merchants of Norfolk, presented on the 31st ult.

Ordered, that the said petition be referred to the committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of John Bate, praying to be exonerated from the payment to the United States of such part of the rent for the United States' saline, on the Wabash river, in the Territory of Illinois, as may be now due, as well as that part which will accrue for the remaining part of the lease, in consequence of the failure of the water in quantity and strength, and of the great expense which he has been obliged to incur to repair the ravages on the works, occasioned by an unprecedented flood in the Ohio river and Saline creek, in the winters of 1814 and 1815.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sheffey presented a petition of Reuben Thacker, praying for a pension.

The Speaker presented a petition of William Hamilton, also praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That the petition of Winthrop Sargent, presented on the 17th of February, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petition of Lewis and Pierre Richard, presented on the 1st of March, 1816, be referred to the the committe on Private Land Claims; and that the petition of Isidore Rinensio, presented on the 23d of January, 1816, be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That the petition of Lewis Sewall, presented on the 26th of April, 1816, be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of the half-breed Indians and Indian countrymen, presented to this House on the 16th ult., and that they be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill to provide for the erection of a court-house, jail, and public offices, within the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an additional judicial district in the eastern part of the Mississippi Territory, to be composed of the counties of Washington, Clark, and Monroe, together with such other counties as the legislature of the Territory may lay off between the rivers Tennessee and Alabama.

On motion of Mr. Parris,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so modifying the act, passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act making further provision for military services during the late war and for other purposes," as to extend the time in which guardians of the minor children of deceased soldiers may relinquish the bounty land and claim the half pay, as provided by the second section of the act aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Clendennin,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of causing the widows and orphans of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of militia and volunteers, who died in the service of the United States previous to the 31st day of December, 1812, to be placed on the pension roll at the same rate as the widows and orphans of the above described corps, who died subsequently to the said 31st day of December, 1812.

On motion of Mr. Law,

Ordered, That the report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims on the petition of Anna Welsh, be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds,

Ordered, that the Message from the President of the United States, received by this House on the 18th day of January, 1816, recommending the confirmation of certain grants of land made by the friendly Creek Indians to general Jackson, Benjamin Hawkins and others, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Dickins,

Resolved, That the Military committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing,

by law, for the relief of such of the officers and soldiers of the revolutionary war, who faithfully served, and are now reduced to want, and unable to support themselves.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of N. Y.

Ordered, That the several orders of the day which precede the report of the committee of Elections, on the petition of Rufus Easton, contesting the election of John Scott, the delegate from the Territory of Missouri, be postponed until to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said report of the committee of Elections; and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Smith, of Maryland, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

The question was taken, Shall the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again?

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Webster then moved to re-commit the said report to the committee of Elections, with instruction "to receive evidence that persons voting for either candidate were not entitled to vote in the said election."

Mr. Telfair moved to amend the motion of Mr. Webster, by striking out the words "*for either candidate.*"

And the question being taken so to amend,

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the motion to re-commit as aforesaid; and debate arising thereon

The House then adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 4, 1817.

Mr. Atherton presented a petition of sundry inhabitauts of Francestown and Hancock, in the State of New-Hampshire, praying that the mails may not be transported or opened on sundays.

Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Ontario, Gennessce and Niagara, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Irving, of N. Y. presented a petition of Daniel Oakey, on behalf of Richard Pullan and Charles A. Pullan, praying that the forfeiture incurred by the importation of certain goods of British manufacture, previous to the late war with Great Britain, may be remitted, as they were shipped previous to the arrival in England of the act prohibiting the importation thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Milnor,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas and John Clifford, presented on the 30th January, 1811, be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of Magnus Nelson, confined in prison at the suit of the United States, praying to be discharged from his imprisonment.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Marcellino Gonet, praying to be allowed further time to discharge a judgment obtained agaisnt him at the suit of the United States.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of Edward Cheeseborough, praying to be exonerated from the

payment of two bonds given to secure the duties on his distillery, for the reasons stated in his petition.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr Lewis presented a petition of the members of the Rock Creek Church, in the District of Columbia, praying to be authorized to sell a part of glebe lands belonging to the said Church.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Owings, presented on the 27th February, 1816, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of the Legislature of the Mississippi Territory praying that such persons as have settled upon public lands in that Territory, may be permitted to remain thereon until the same shall be exposed to sale.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Madison county, in the Illinois Territory, praying that their respective land titles may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill directing the discharge of Oliver Spellman from imprisoment, which was read the first and second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the select committee, appointed on the 30th ult. reported a bill extending the time for locating Virginia military land-warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the general land-office and for giving further time to complete the surveys and to obtain patents for lands located under Virginia resolution-warrants.

which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of improving the navigation of the Muscle Shoals, in Tennessee river.

On motion of Mr. Brooks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from the village of Canandaigua, by Bristol, Richmond, Livonia, Gennessee, Leicester and Warsaw, to Shelton, in the State of New-York.

Ordered, That the report of the committee on Naval Affairs, on the petition of Thomas I. Allen, be committed to a committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of Elections on the case of the contested election between John Scott and Rufus Easton, and the question depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, to recommit the said report to the committee of Elections, with instruction "to receive evidence, that persons voting for either candidate were not entitled to vote in the election," was again stated; when

A motion was made, by Mr. Betts, to postpone, indefinitely, the further consideration of the report of the committee of Elections.

And the question being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The question then again recurred on recommitting with instructions; when a division thereof was called for.

And on the question—"Shall the said report be recommitted?"

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....86 / Nays.....50 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Archer,
Atherton,
Baer,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Boss,
Breckenridge,
Brown,
Burwell,
Calhoun,
Carr, Ms.
Cilley,
Clayton,
Condict,
Cooper,
Crawford,
Creighton,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Hardin,
Hawes,
Hendricks,
Hurbert,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Hungerford,
Ingham,
Jackson,

Mr. Johnson, Va.
Langdon,
Little,
Love,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Kee,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Ormsby,
Peter,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Piper,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Randolph,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Roane,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Sheffey,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Md.
Stearns,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,

Taul,
Telfair,
Thomas,
Tyler,
Ward, Ms.
Webster,
Wheaton,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Yancey.....86

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Baker,
Birdsall,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Conner,
Findley,
Fletcher,
Gold,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hall,
Hammond,
Heister,
Hooks,
Irving, N. Y.
Jewett,
Johnson, Ky.
Mr. Kent,
Kerr, Va.
King,
Law,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Parris,
Robertson,
Ross,
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Taylor, N. Y.
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Wilkin,
Willoughby,
Tho. Wilson
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Wright.. 50

The question was then taken—"Shall the committee be instructed as aforesaid?"

And also passed in the affirmative.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 6, 1817.

Mr. Mills presented a petition of the inhabitants of the town of Southampton, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the mails may not be

transported or opened on Sundays; which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Mills, Mr. Ingham, Mr. M'Kee, Mr. Marsh, and Mr. Tyler, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Stearns presented a similar petition from the inhabitants of the district of Norfolk, in said State, which was referred to the committee last appointed.

Mr. Mills also presented a petition of John M. Hendrick, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a part of the duties imposed on his distillery, for reasons stated in the petition.

Mr. Lumpkin presented a petition of John Heard, praying to the same effect with the petition last stated.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Pitkin,

Ordered, That the petition of Moses Tryon and Richard Law, jun., presented on the 18th October, 1803, be referred to the Secretary of the Navy, to report thereon.

Mr. Pitkin presented a petition of Ethan Stillman, praying to be allowed an additional sum in the settlement of his accounts for arms manufactured for, and furnished to, the United States, because the cost of said arms exceeded the price stipulated to be paid therefor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Avery presented a petition of Jonathan D. Carrier, praying for a pension.

Mr. Fletcher presented a petition of Joshua Younger, also praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to

a surreptitious judgment may be rendered in the State aforesaid, to appeal therefrom to a court holding jurisdiction under the laws of the United States, which was read: Whereupon,

Resolved, That James Martin have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of the inhabitants of Hancock and Francestown, in New-Hampshire, and that they be referred to the select committee, this day appointed, on the petitition of the inhabitants of Southampton.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideratioe of the petition of Frederick Stevelie, and that it be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Jonas Fauche.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Caze & Richaud, which was read: When

Mr. Yancey reported a bill for the relief of James Caze and John Richaud, which was read the first and second time, and committeed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of Richard Claiborne, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was agreed to by the House, to wit:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Lowndes laid before the House a letter addressed to the committee of Ways and Means, by the Secretary of the Treasury, respecting the expediency of repealing so much of the act of the 3d March, 1809, as authorizes the president to trans-

fer appropriations, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes also laid before the House a letter addressed to the committee of Ways and Means, by the acting Secretary of War, enclosing detailed statements, on which were founded the estimates for the expenses of the army of the United States, for the year 1817, including arrearages, which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Forsyth submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the committee on the National Currency be instructed to inquire whether the President and Directors of the Bank of the United States have adopted any arrangement by which the payment of the specie portion of the second instalment can be evaded or postponed, and if such arrangement has been made, the expediency of adopting some regulation by which the payment of the specie portion of the second instalment may be enforced at the time required by the act of incorporation, or within a limited time thereafter.

Ordered, That the committee to whom is referred the letter and report of the Acting Secretary of War, on the letter of major-general William Henry Harrison, respecting his expenditure of public money, while commanding the north-western army, during the late war with Great Britain, have power to send for persons and papers.

The Speaker, laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an estimate of moneys necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year 1817, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker, laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting the ans

nual list of persons, who have invented any new and useful art, machine, or manufacture, and to whom patents have been issued for the same, in the year 1816, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker, also laid before the House, a letter from Richard Bland Lee, the commissioner appointed pursuant to the act of the 9th of April, 1816, "authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," containing a defence of his conduct, in executing the said act, and explanatory of his interpretation of the provisions of the same, which was read and referred to the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to amend the act aforesaid.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate have passed a bill entitled, "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Ignace Chalmet Delino, deceased, and of Anthony Cruzat, and L. P. Deverges," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And he withdrew.

An engrossed bill entitled, "An act authorizing the discharge of Oliver Spellman, from imprisonment," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the same to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his secretary, who delivered in the same at the Speaker's table, and withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to amend the act to

authorize the payment for property lost, captured or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 6, 1817.

Mr. Root presented a petition of Robert L. Livingston, Austin L. Sands, and Joshua Sands, heirs of Walter Livingston and Richardson Sands, on behalf of themselves and others, praying to be paid the amount of an award in favour of their ancestors, under a contract for supplying the revolutionary army with provisions.

Mr. Ingham presented a petition of Samuel Gibbs, praying to be paid the amount of two loan-office certificates, issued in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, presented a petition of John Halfpenny, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Little presented a petition of sundry merchants of Baltimore, praying further compensation for the damage they sustained by the sinking of their vessels at the entrance of the harbour of Baltimore, in the late war with Great Britain, by order of the commanding general.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petition of James Villere, presented on the 5th of March, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Robertson, presented a petition of William Miller and others, by Joseph S. Johnson, their agent, praying for a confirmation of their title to a tract of land in the State of Louisiana.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Archer, submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to officers, who, during the late war, have been promoted from the ranks of the army, the bounty land to which they would have been entitled in case they had not been promoted.

On motion of Mr. Tyler,

Resolved, That the committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of directing the application of the funds arising under the acts of Congress "for the relief of sick and disabled seamen," at the port of Richmond, in Virginia, in aid of the funds of the corporation of that city, towards the erection and support of a marine hospital.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension now allowed by law to Thomas Gadd, of the State of Maryland, formerly a soldier of the revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. Gold,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of ma-

king provision, by law, for the appointment of a judge for the northern judicial district in the State of New-York, to reside in the district.

On motion of Mr. Hardin,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing pay and compensation to the mounted volunteers, who, in the year 1813, served in the expedition to the head waters of White River, and the Wabash, under the command of colonel Russell.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds.

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, a post-road from Nashville to Clarksville, in the State of Tennessee; and also, the extension of the post-road from John Hunts, in Robertson county, Tennessee, to Isabelville, in Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Bennett,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be directed to inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension list, James Heard, a lieutenant of dragoons in the revolutionary army.

On motion of Mr. Taul,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the payment to Nancy Armon, the amount which may be due on loan-office certificate, No. 490, payable to Eve Weghart, signed by Francis Hopkinson, treasurer of loans, and countersigned by Thos. Smith, commissioner of loans.

On motion of Mr. Irvin,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the propriety

of amending by law, that part of the 5th section of the act entitled, "An act to regulate the duties on imposts and tonnage," which is in the following words, "and in all casess where an advalorem duty shall be charged, it shall be calculated on the nett cost of the article at the place whence imported, (exclusive of packages, commissions, and all charges,) with the usual addition, established by law, of twenty per centum on all merchandise imported from places beyond the Cape of Good Hope, and ten per centum on articles imported from all other places."

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the expenditure and application of the moneys drawn from the Treasury, on account of the navy, during the year ending 30th September, 1816, and of the unexpended balance of former appropriations, on the 1st October, 1815, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, the annual list of the clerks employed in the Treasury, during the year 1816, with the salary allowed to each, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The message received yesterday from the President of the United States, was read, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States,

I communicate for the information of Congress, the report of the director of the Mint, of the operation of that establishment during the last year.

JAMES MADISON.

January 6, 1817.

The House proceeded to consider the bill for the relief of Henry Malcolm; Whereupon

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, laid before House sundry reports in relation to land titles in the State of Louisiana, transmitted to him by the commissioner of the General Land Office, which were referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate "for the relief of the legal representatives of Ignace Chalmet Delino, deceased, and of Anthony Cruzat, and L. P. Deverges," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill entitled "An act to authorize a new edition of the collection of laws respecting the public lands," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday; and being again read,

The question was taken to agree thereto.

And passed in the affirmative. { Yeas....89. Nays....68.

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present:

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Bassett,
Archer,	Bateman,
Baker,	Baylies,
Barbour,	Bennett,

Mr. Betts,
Birdsall,
Blount,
Boss,
Brooks,
Brown,
Burwell,
Caldwell,
Chappell,
Cilley,
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Condict,
Conner,
Crawford,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Desha,
Edwards,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Glasgow,
Hahn,
Hall,
Hammond,
Harrison,
Hawes,
Hendricks,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Irving, N. Y.
Irwin, Pa.
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Kent,
Langdon,
Little,
Lovett,
Mr. Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Mason,
M'Lean,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Hugh Nelson,
Parris,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Piper,
Pitkin,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Roane,
Robertson,
Root,
Ross,
Savage,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Taylor, N. Y.
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Williams,
Willoughby.....89.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Atherton,
Mr. Avery,
Baer,
Birdseye,

Mr. Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Bryan,
Cady,
Calhoun,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Creighton,
Dickens,
Findley,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Gold,
Griffin,
Grosvenor,
Hale,
Henderson,
Hooks,
Hulbert,
Ingham,
Jewett,
Kerr, Va.
King,
Law,
Lewis,
Love,
Lowndes,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
M'Coy,
Mr. M'Kee,
Middleton,
Moore,
Moseley,
Murfree,
Jer. Nelson,
Noyes,
Ormsby,
Peter,
Pleasants,
Powell,
Rice,
Ruggles,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Md.
Stearns,
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Taul,
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Townsend,
Thos. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Wright,
Yancey.....68.

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, and seconded, that the House do now again resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States.

And the question being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House be discharged from a further consideration of the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY January 8th, 1817.

Mr. Vose, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Nelson, in the State of New-Hampshire, praying that the mails may not be transported or opened on Sundays.

Mr. Champion presented like petitions from sundry inhabitants of the State of Connecticut.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition, from the inhabitants of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Vose, also presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of Sunderland, and South Hadley, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the establishments of post-routes

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Ward, presented a petition of Peter C. Tupper, of Valencia, in the kingdom of Spain, merchant, by his attorney, William Gray, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying to be paid a loan-office certificate, issued in the revolutionary war.

Mr. Carr, presented a petition of William Rice, praying to be paid for that part of a ship belonging to him, which was destroyed by the British forces at Bangor, in the District of Maine, during the late war; he, at the time of the destruction being in the military service of the United States, by which he was prevented from placing the said ship beyond the reach of the enemy.

Mr. Archer, presented a petition of James Orr, praying to be paid for a vessel sunk by public authority, in the entrance of the harbour of Baltimore, during the military operations in the neighbourhood of that city, in the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Kent, presented a petition of the manufacturers of bar iron, in Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties, in the State of New-York, praying that additional duties may be imposed on that article imported into the United States.

Mr. Savage, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of St. Lawrence, aforesaid, praying that the county of Franklin, may be attached to the collection district of Oswegatchie, and that Alexander Richards, the collector of the customs for the said district, may be removed from office, and a certain John Scott, appointed in his place.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Reed,

Ordered, That the petition of Seth Nickerson, and others, presented on the 1st of April, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Clayton, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the United States, expressive of their satisfaction at the recommendation to Congress, by the President of the United States, of the subject of an uniformity in weights and measures, and praying that this important subject may not be suffered to languish, but that it may be carried into effect with as much expedition as its nature will admit, and as its value and merits to the people of the present and future generations require.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee upon the subject of Weights and Measures.

Mr. Tate, presented a petition of Robert Mitchill, praying for a pension, which was referred to

the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Va. presented a petition of Henry Steed, late a captain of militia in the service of the United States, praying to be allowed and paid the amount of his expenditure, for five days subsistence of the company under his command.

Mr. M'Coy presesented a petition of Moses M'Clintie, late a lieutenant of militia in the service of the United States, praying to be allowed his pay, while sick and on furlough.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of the members of the legislature of the Mississippi Territory, praying that the said Territory may be erected into a State and government, and admitted into the Union, on an equal footing with the original States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the admission of the western part of the said Territory into the Union, as a State.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of the trustees of Jefferson college, in the Mississippi Territory, praying to be permitted to sell a part of the lands belonging to said college, for the purpose of investing the proceeds thereof in United States, or Bank stock.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Clarke, of N. C. from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Peter Snyder, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pensions of Barnabas M'Guire, and Thomas May, soldiers of the revolutionary war, whose wounds have become worse and their debility increased by age.

On motion of Mr. Lyon,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the payment to the present holder, the amount of a loan-office certificate No. 9,948, signed by Samuel Hillegas, and countersigned by J. Lawrence, and bearing date January 10th, 1780, which certificate has never been paid.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of placing Jesse M'Annally, of Tennessee, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands, be instructed to inquire into the expediency and policy of amending the act entitled, "An act relating to settlers on the lands of the United States," so that all settlers on public lands who have not leased from the United States, shall remain thereon in peaceable possession one year, from the expiration of the existing law; and also, to inquire into the policy of extending the provisions of said act, to all those who have settled down on the land lately ceded by the Chickasaws north of Tennessee river.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Resolved, That the committe on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to all non-commissioned officers and privates, who enlisted for and during the late war, and who served until the *end* thereof, or who died or were killed previously to obtaining an honourable discharge, their balance of pay and bounty in land, and who, from the causes aforesaid, and various others, did not receive regular discharges, whereby they were deemed to have forfeited said pay and bounty.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to amend the "*Act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes.*"

The question was stated that it be engrossed and read a third time: When

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, of N. Y. to strike out that part of the first section thereof, which proposes to repeal the *ninth* and *tenth* sections of the act, of which the same is amendatory.

A division of the question on this motion was called for.

And on the question.—"Shall that part of the bill be stricken out, which proposes to repeal the *ninth* section of the act aforesaid?"

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....74. Nays.....67.

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adgate,	Mr. Avery,
Archer,	Baker,
Atherton,	Betts,

Mr. Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Breckenridge,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Cady,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clarke, N. C.
Comstock,
Conner,
Creighton,
Davenport,
Desha,
Findley,
Fletcher,
Gold,
Hahn,
Hammond,
Harrison,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Hungerford,
Irwin, Pa.
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Lewis,
Mr. Little,
Lovett,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,
Milnor,
Moseley,
Hugh Nelson,
Parris,
Peter,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Powell,
Reynolds,
Robertson,
Ross,
Savage,
Schenck,
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Sturges,
Taggart,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Tyler,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Wilkin,
Willoughby,
Thos. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Wright.....74.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Alexander,
Baer,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Batemen,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brown,
Burwell,
Caldwell,
Calhoun,
Champion,
Clayton,
Clendennin,

Mr. Condict,
Crawford,
Culpepper,
Dickens,
Edwards.
Forney,
Forsyth,
Hale,
Hall,
Hardin,
Hawes,
Heister,
Hooks,
Ingham,
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Marsh,
Middleton,
Miller,
Moore,
Jer. Nelson,
Mr. Tho. M. Nelson.
Noyes,
Ormsby,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Piper,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,
Root,
Ruggles,
Smith, Pa.
Stearns,
Strong,
Townsend,
Vose,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Woodward,
Yancey.....67.

The question was then stated to agree to that part of Mr. Clark's amendment, going to strike out that part of the bill which repeals the *tenth* section of the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured or destroyed, &c.: upon which Mr. Clark, withdrew that part of motion to amend;

And Mr. Johnson, of Ky. moved to strike out the whole of the said bill after the enacting clause, and in lieu thereof to insert as follows:

"That in all cases arising under the ninth section of an act entitled 'An act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes,' the decision of the commissioner shall be revised and sanctioned

or rejected by the Secretary of the Treasury, And that in all cases arising under the remaining sections of the said act, the decisions of the commissioner shall be revised and sanctioned or rejected by the Secretary of War; without which sanction, no money shall be drawn from the Treasury of the United States, to satisfy any such claim; and at the next session of Congress, the said Secretaries shall make report of such cases as may be embraced by said act, but which in their opinion should be provided for by law; and in all cases where the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, or the President of the United States, shall deem it expedient, an agent shall be appointed to examine the witnesses, that may be called upon by any claimant, and the agent shall moreover have the power to call for witnesses on the part of the United States."

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 9, 1817.

Another member, to wit: from New-York, John B. Yates, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Clendennin, suggesting, that through mistake on yesterday he had voted in the negative, when he intended to have voted in the affirmative, upon the question then depending, so to amend the first section of the bill, to amend the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes, as to strike ont that part of the same, which goes to a repeal of the *ninth* section of the said act, and moved that he have leave to correct the said mistake, by placing his vote in the affirmative

on that question. And the question being taken thereon. It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Hulbert, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Lee, in Massachusetts, praying that the mails may not opened or transported on Sundays.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of the inhabitants of Southampton, in said State.

Mr. Hopkinson, presented a petition of the religious society of Friends, in Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, Delaware, and the eastern shore of Maryland, praying that other and stronger provisions may be enacted to prevent the traffick in Negro slaves, from one State to another within the United States, in which traffick they allege that many persons of colour, free, or entitled to freedom at a given time, are carried into perpetual slavery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message, which relates to the African slave trade.

Mr. Irving, of N. Y. presented a petition of Robert Starr, confined in prison in the city of New-York, praying to be released from his imprisonment.

Mr. Hopkinson, presented a petition of the umbrella manufacturers in the city of Philadelphia, praying that specific duties may be imposed on umbrellas imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pleasants, presented a petition, signed by Edward Cutbush, and Samuel R. Marshall, on behalf of the surgeons and surgeons mates' of the navy of the United States, praying that a determinate rank may be affixed to their situation in the navy; that their pay and emoluments may be in-

creased, and that further provision may be made for those, who, having been many years afloat, may be appointed to the charge of Naval Hospitals.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Pickens, presented a petition of a convention of delegates from fifteen counties of the Mississippi Territory, praying that the said Territory may not be divided, but that the same may be admitted into the Union with its *present* limits, as a State, on an equal footing with the original States, which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Pickens, Mr. Hall, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Yates, and Mr. Champion, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, presented a petition of Mary White, widow of Bartholomew White, deceased, who was killed while a volunteer in the military service of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain, praying that some provision may be made for the support of herself and the six children of the deceased.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, also presented a petition of John Davis, praying to be paid for a quantity of provisions furnished to a detachment of militia in the public service, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the petition of Gregory Sarpy, presented on the 19th of June, 1813, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. M'Lean presented a petition of Jacob Upp, praying that his title to a tract of land in the State of Indiana may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Speaker presented a petition of Bernard, Gaines, praying for a pension.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of Jacob Whetzel, praying to be paid for his services as an officer in the army of the United States, between the years 1785 and 1805, as also for the services and expenditures of his father, as an officer in the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Robertson presented a petion of Chero & Kelf, owners and representatives of owners of the claims of the Marquis de Rouqe, by Joseph S. Johnson their agent, praying that their title to a tract of land lying on the Washita river, in the State of Louisiana, may be confirmed.

Mr. Robertson also presented a petion of Joseph Gillard, by Joseph S. Johnson his agent, praying that his title to a tract of land lying on Red river, in the said State of Lousiana, may be confirmed.

Mr. Robertson presented a petition of Sundry inhabitants of Bayou Boeuf, in the parish of Rapide, and State of Louisiana, praying for the confirmation of their respective titles to land on said Bayou.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Indiana, praying that a new land office may be established for the sale of the public lands, in the eastern section of said State, and that the land office at Jeffersonville may be removed to a more central situation.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of the Legislature of the Mississippi territory, praying that such persons as have settled on the public lands

lately conquered from the Indians may be permitted to remain thereon until the same shall be exposed to public sale.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Scott.

Ordered, That the resolutions of the Legislature of the territory of Missouri, relating to the settlers on the public lands, presented on the 16th of February, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Scott also presented a resolution of the Legislature of the said territory, soliciting that a road may be opened by the United States, from the town of St. Louis, to the nothern boundary of the State of Louisiana, by the post of Arkansas.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion of Mr. Scott,

Ordered, That the resolutions of the Legislature of the Territory aforesaid, respecting certain Indian claims to lands, presented on the 16th of February, 1816, be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of the Legislature of the Mississippi territory, praying that the Indian title to certain land in said territory may be extinguished, which was referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report respecting the subsistence of the army; which being read.

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill making a partial appropriation for the subsistence of the army during the year 1817, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the first article of the treaty of the 9th of August, 1814, between the United States, and the Creek nation, to certain chiefs and warriors of that nation, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting the annual list of the clerks, employed in the Navy Department during the year 1816, with the salary allowed to each which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from the Treasury Department enclosing a report and statement of loan-office and final settlement certificates issued under the authority of the continental Congress, which remain outstanding, made in obedience to a resolution of the 15th of April last, which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension list Levi Harris, and Charles Jordan, privates in the Jefferson troop of Mississippi dragoons.

On motion of Mr. Thomas Wilson,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be directed to inquire whether any, and if any, what further provision by law, is requisite to enable riding masters of the revolutionary war, to receive a bounty in land equal to that allowed to other officers of the same rank.

On motion of Mr. M'Lean,

Resolved, That the committee on Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-road from Russellville, in Kentucky, to Hopkinsville, by Elkton and Ewingsville.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Vincennes to Fort Harrison, all in the State of Indiana.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route, from Corydon, by the way of Troy, in the county of Perry; Darlington in the county of Warwick; Blackford in the county of Posey; to intersect the saline road from Vincennes, near Codd's Ferry, on the Wabash, all in the State of Indiana.

On motion of Mr. King,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for holding annually, two terms of the circuit court of the United States, within the District of Maine, in Massachusetts.

On motion of Mr. Cannon,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on 27th ult., and the same being again read, was agreed to by the House.

An engrossed bill entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Malcolm," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, "to authorize a new edition of the collection of laws respecting the

public lands," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed bills of the following titles:

An act to increase the salaries of the register and receiver of public moneys of the land office, at Marietta;

An act making a further appropriation for the purchase of books for the Library of Congress, and for other purposes; and

An act requiring the Directors of the Bank of the United States, to establish an office of discount and deposite in the District of Columbia; in which bills they request the concurrence of this House. And he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to amend the "act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes."—And the question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson, of Ky. yesterday.

And being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....40 / Nays....108 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Atherton,
Avery,
Bassett,
Betts,

Mr. Breckenridge,
Cannon,
Comstock,
Creighton,
Depba,

Mr. Fletcher,
Gaston,
Gold,
Glasgow,
Harrison,
Herbert,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Irving, N. Y.
Jewett,
Johnson, Ky.
Kerr, Va.
Lewis,
Lovett,
Lyon,
Mr. M'Kee,
Mills,
Hugh Nelson,
Ormsby,
Peter,
Robertson,
Sharpe,
Sheffey,
Stuart,
Tate,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Wilkin,
Tho. Wilson,
Wright.....40

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Alexander,
Archer,
Baer,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brooks,
Burwell,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Calhoun,
Champion,
Chappell,
Cilley,
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Condict,
Crawford,
Crocheron,
Mr. Culpepper,
Davenport,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Findley,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hall,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Hawes,
Heister,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Hooks,
Hopkinson,
Hulbert,
Ingham,
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Kent,
King,
Langdon,
Little,
Love,
Lyle,

Mr. Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,
Miller,
Milnor,
Moore,
Murfree,
Jer. Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Piper,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Powell,
Reynolds,
Rice,
Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Mr. Schenck,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Stearns,
Strong,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Telfair,
Thomas,
Townsend,
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Williams,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey.....108

A motion was then made by Mr. Wright, to strike out all of the said bill after the enacting clause, and in lieu thereof to insert as follows:

That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint two additional commissioners, who, together with said commissioner, shall be a board to execute the said law, in the same manner, and under the same restrictions that the commissioner under the act of April, 1816, was authorized and directed to do.

And on the question to agree to this amendment,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Desha, to strike out all of the said bill after the enacting clause, and to insert as follows:

That the 11th 12th 13th and 14th sections of the act, entitled "an act to authorize the payment for the property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed on the 9th day of April, 1816, shall be, and the same are hereby repeated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for carrying into execution the above-recited act, the President of the United States, by, and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is hereby authorized to appoint three commissioners whose duty it shall be to decide upon all cases arising under the before-recited act; and who, in the discharge of their duties, shall be subject to the rules and regulations that have been, or may be prescribed by the President of the United States. The commissioners so appointed shall receive as compensation for their services, at the rate of per annum each for the time they shall be actually employed, which shall not exceed eighteen months, to be computed from and after the passage of this act: all official communications to and from the commissioners appointed under this act, shall be free of postage.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said commissioners, so to be appointed, before they enter upon the duties of their office, shall each take the following oath, to wit: "I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will, well and truly, according to the best of my abilities, discharge the duties of commissioner under an act of Congress, entitled 'an act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes;' so help me God:" upon which they shall proceed to appoint a clerk; and shall proceed to the execution of the above-recited act, under the rules already prescribed by the President of the United States, for

the adjustment of claims to compensation for the corps provided for by the said act, or to establish such further rules as may be deemed necessary for the due execution of the law, under the direction, or by the consent of the President of the United States, having due regard, in the establishment of further regulations, as well to the claims of individual justice, as to the interest of the United States, and if it should be found necessary to establish any other rules or regulations for the due execution of the act, the said commissioners shall cause them to be published for four weeks, successively, in the newspapers in the several States, and Territories in which the laws of the United States are published.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said commissioners shall, in all cases in which the claim to compensation or indemnity shall exceed the sum of two hundred dollars, award a commission to some one or more discreet commissioner, in the vicinity of where the witnesses are stated to reside, accompanied by interrogatories to be propounded to such witnesses, which said commission, when executed, shall be returned together with the examination to be taken in virtue thereof, by mail, free of postage to the office of the commissioners.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That in all adjudications of the said commissioners upon the claims mentioned in the said recited act, whether such judgment be in favour of, or adverse to the claim of the applicant, the same shall be entered by the clerk in a book to be provided for that purpose: and when such judgment shall be in favour of such claim, shall entitle the claimant, or his legal representative, upon the production of a copy of such judgment, duly certified by the clerk of said commissioners, to payment of the amount thereof, at the Treasury of the United States.

And on the question to agree to this amendment,

It was also determined in the negative.

Mr. Root, then moved to amend the bill by striking out that part of it, which proposes a repeal of the "*tenth*" section of the act of which it is amendatory.

And on the question so to strike out,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Taul to insert, at the end of the third section, the following: "Provided however, that in all cases of claims against the United States, arising under the first and second sections of the act, to which this is an amendment, the muster rolls made out by the proper officer, shall be taken and received as sufficient evidence of the value and loss of the property, for which compensation is claimed, where such muster rolls exhibit evidence of those facts."

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Harrison, to amend the bill by inserting the following sections, to come in after the first section, to wit:

SEC. 2 *And be it further enacted*, That the 5th section of said recited act shall be construed to extend to every house or building, which in the late war shall have been destroyed by the order of any officer in the service of the United States, with a view to facilitate the operations of the American army, or any detachment thereof, or to impede those of the enemy.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the ninth section of the said act shall hereafter be construed to extend to every house or building, whether occupied as a military deposite or as barracks for soldiers, or as an hospital, which during the late War shall have been destroyed by the enemy in consequence of such occupation, and to all houses or buildings destroyed by the enemy, in consequence of a military resistance from, or in the neighbourhood of the same. *Provided*

always, That no house or building shall be construed a military deposit, within the meaning of this section, or of the act aforesaid, unless it had been hired under the authority of the government, or which at the time it was destroyed was actually used for that purpose, and provided also, that no house or building shall be considered a barrack within the meaning of this section, on account of its having been in the temporary occupancy of the troops of the United States upon a march, unless in the immediate presence of the enemy.

Mr. Smith, of Md. moved to postpone until to-morrow, the further consideration of the bill and amendment for the purpose of having the latter printed.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to agree to that part of the amendment proposed by Mr. Harrison, comprised within the first section thereof marked section two in the amendment;

And was determined in the negative.

The question was taken on the second section of the amendment marked section three:

And also determined in the negative.

Mr. Wm. P. Maclay, moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word "produce" in the fifth line of the third section, the following words: "Provided that no evidence shall be received other than that of citizens or inhabitants of the United States."

And on the question to agree to this amendment,

It was also determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Ross, to amend that part of the bill which prescribes the nature and kind of testimony to be produced by the claimants, by striking out these words, "and

which shall be in the power of the party to produce."

And the question being taken to strike out these words,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Cannon then moved to add to the bill, the following section:

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner appointed under the act to which this is an amendment, shall issue certificates to the claimants respectively in whose favour he may have awarded.

And on the question to agree to this section,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Ingham then moved to add to the bill, the following section:

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the ninth section of the aforesaid act, shall not be construed to extend to houses or other buildings occupied by the military forces of the United States, except the same shall have been also occupied under the authority of an officer or agent of the United States, as a place of deposite for munitions of war.

And debate arising thereon,

The House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 10, 1817.

Mr. Ward, of Mass. presented a petition of Henry Rice, merchant, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, stating that during the occupation of the port of Castine, by the enemy in the late war with Great Britain, a quantity of goods were imported into the said port, and the duties thereon paid to the British government, a considerable quantity of which were subsequently purchased

by him, and that after the evacuation of that port by the enemy, he was compelled to re-enter the goods with the United States collector, and secure the duties thereon by bonds, two of which he has paid, and praying that the moneys which he has paid as aforesaid may be refunded to him, and that the residue of the bonds may be cancelled.

Mr. Harrison, presented a petition of James Matthews, who is confined in jail in Hamilton county, and State of Ohio, praying to be discharged from his imprisonment.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pitkin, presented a petition of Solomon Rockwell, and others, manufacturers of bar iron, in the State of Connecticut, praying that additional duties may be imposed on bar iron imported into the United States.

Mr. Condict, presented similar petitions from sundry manufacturers of bar iron in New-Jersey.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Clark, of N. Y. presented a petition of Peter Kendall, praying to be paid for a quantity of merchandise which was destroyed by the enemy, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Little, presented a petition of William Flannagan, and William Parsons, ship builders in Baltimore, praying to be allowed an additional sum for the building of the frigate Java, for the reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Randolph, presented a petition of William Farr and John Maxwell, late musicians in the

Marine corps of the United States, under the command of colonel Franklin Wharton, who they allege, unjustly and without cause, withholds from them the pay to which they are entitled, and praying the interposition of Congress in their behalf.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Navy to report thereon.

Mr. Clayton, presented a petition of the Directors of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, praying for the aid of the national government, in carrying into effect the objects of their association.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

On motion of Mr. Pope,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles M'Nabb, presented on the 18th December, 1815, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Ordered, That William Marsh, whose petition was before this House at the last session of Congress, have leave to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, received yesterday, respecting loan-office and final-settlement certificates, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr Yancey, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, "for the relief of the representatives of Ignace Chalmet Delino, deceased, and of Antnony Cruzat, and P. L. Deverges," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, reported a bill for the

relief of the widow and minor children of Abraham Owen, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Chappell, from the same committee made a report on the petition of John Nelson, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chappell, also made a report on the expediency of placing John M'Kenney, on the pension list of the United States, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to place the said John M'Kenney, on the pension list.

Mr. H. Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by a resolution of the 7th instant, to inquire into the expediency of appointing a judge for the northern district of the State of New-York, made an unfavourable report which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee who were also instructed by a resolution of the 19th ult. to inquire into the propriety of so amending or explaining the fourth section of the act of the 6th of May, 1812, for designating, surveying, and granting military bounty lands, as to authorize a devise of said bounty land, though no patent shall have been granted therefor, at the time of the devise, made a report, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to alter or change the existing law in this respect in anywise whatever.

This resolution was read and *disagreed* to by the House.

Ordered, that the committee on the Judiciary,

prepare and report a bill in conformity to the resolution of the 19th ult.

Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. from the committee of Elections, to which was recommitted their report of the 31st December last, with certain instructions, made an additional report, which was committed to a committee of the whole House, tomorrow.

Mr. Savage, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill for the relief of Thomas and John Clifford, Elisha Fisher, and company, and Thomas Clifford and Son, which was read the first and second time, aud committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Calhoun, from the committee on the national currency, who were instructed by resolution, to inquire whether the President and Directors of the Bank of the United States, had adopted any arrangement, by which the specie portion of the second instalment can be evaded or postponed, &c. made a report which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Root,

Resolved, That the act entitled, "An act to authorize certain officers and other persons to administer oaths," approved the 3d of May, 1798, ought to be so amended, as to authorize a chairman of a standing committee of either House of Congress, to administer oaths, and that the committee on the Judiciary, bring in a bill for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the compensation of the post-masters at York, and at Hampton, in Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Telfair,

Resolved, That the committee on the petition of Jonas Fauche, be instructed to inquire at large into the claims of detachments of the militia of Georgia, ordered out by the governor during the the years 1793 and 1794, for the defence of its frontiers. in consequence of a discretionary power communicated by the War Department; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Cannon, submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That it is expedient to reduce the army of the United States.

Wr. Wright submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of removing such part of the Library as is composed of law books, into some room convenient to Congress.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the acting Secretary of War, enclosing the application of Aaron Tuttle, for an increase of pension, which were referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a letter from Jonathan Jennings, President of the late convention of the people of Indiana, enclosing a copy of the constitution, as adopted for the government of the State, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate "to increase the salaries of the register and receiver of public moneys, of the land office at Marietta;" was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate "making a further

appropriation for the purchase of books, for the Library of Congress, and for other purposes," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The bill from the Senate "requiring the directors of the Bank of the United States, to establish an office of discount and deposite in the District of Columbia," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to authorize a new edition of laws respecting the public lands," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making partial appropriation for the subsistence of the army, during the year 1817; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jackson, reported the same with an amendment, which was read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to amend the act, to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes, and the question depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Ingham, recurred;

And being taken,

It passed in the affirmative.

The said bill being then further amended,

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, to add to the bill the following section:

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases where destruction of houses by the enemy, shall have been consistent with the practice of civilized warfare, that the same shall be paid for in the same manner, as is provided by the ninth section of the act of which this amendatory.

And the question being taken on agreeing to the addition of the said section,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. M'Lean, then moved to add the following section to the end of the bill.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That any house or other property destroyed, or injured, by order of any officer of the army of the United States, in the late war, such loss or damage, shall be allowed and paid for under the provisions of this act.

And on the question so to amend.

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill entitled, "An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage;" also the bill entitled, "An act directing the discharge of Nathaniel Taft, from imprisonment." And then he withdrew.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 11, 1817.

Mr. Crawford, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported that they had examined enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act authorizing the discharge of Nathaniel Taft, from imprisonment;—And,

An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage.

And found the same to be truly enrolled: When

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Atherton presented a petition of James Spaulding, who became deaf from sickness while in the military service of the United States, and praying such relief as Congress may think proper to grant.

Mr. Cannon, presented a petition of David Hubbard, praying for an increase of the pension heretofore granted to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

Ordered, That the petition of James E. Houston, on behalf of his brother, colonel Mossman Houston, presented on the 1st March, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Ruggles, presented a petition of Charles S. Leonard, praying to be allowed an additional sum in the settlements of his accounts, under a contract for arms manufactured for the United States, as he alleges the said arms actually cost him a

greater sum than he agreed for, with the United States.

Mr Clendennin, presented a petition of John Core, praying compensation for a horse lost in the military service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Irving, of N. Y. presented a petition of sundry merchants of the city of New-York, praying that an uniform system of bankruptcy, may be established.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, on the bill to establish an uniform system of Bankruptcy, throughout the United States.

Mr. Irving, also presented a petition of Samuel Bridgwood, who is confined in jail in the city of New-York, at the suit of the United States, praying to be relieved from his imprisonment.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Findley, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Armstrong county, in Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Mr. Gaston, presented a petition, of Thomas Shore, post-master at Petersburg in Virginia, and Duncan M'Rea, post-master at Fayettville in North-Carolina, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Bassett, presented a petition of William Ham, Roe Latimer, and Moseley Latimer, officers of a revenue cutter, praying for an increase of their pay.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Irving, of N. Y.

Ordered, That the petition of Albert Ogden, and Co. presented on the 20th February, 1816, and the petition of Robert and Thomas Hutchinson, presented on the 15th of March, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Calhoun, be appointed of the committee to which has been referred the petitions of the sufferers on the Niagara frontier, in the place of Mr. Webster, who is absent.

Mr. T. M. Nelson, from the committee appointed on the 12th ult reported a bill authorizing the commutation of soldiers' bounty land, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Brooks, from the committee appointed to inquire whether any amendments are necessary to the act passed at the last session granting bounties in land, and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers, made a report which was read: When

Mr. Brooks, presented a bill to amend an act entitled, "An act granting bounties in land, and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers," passed 5th March, 1816; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the acting Secretary of War, transmitting, the annual statements of public contracts made by the War Department, in the year 1816, which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to amend an act entitled, "An act making further provision for military services during the late war. and for other purposes," which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole

House, on the bill for the relief of infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War, be directed to communicate to this House, the number of officers and privates composing the whole military establishment, in the *actual* service of the United States, particularizing the strength of each corps and regiment.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for making an artificial road from Washington, in Pennsylvania, through Charlestown, on the Ohio river, to the river Sandusky, at or near Fort Stephenson.

Resolved, That the same committee be further instructed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating a part of the nett proceeds, arising from the sales of land in the State of Indiana, which by the compact with that State, are set a part for roads, to making an artificial road from Winchester, in Virginia, to the Ohio river, at or near the mouth of Muskingum river, and from thence by or near Chilicothe, on the Sciota river to the said State of Indiana.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Md.

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of George Vaughan, a soldier of the revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. Pickens,

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the making of surveys and levels of the several most practicable points of

communication between the waters of Tennessee river, and those of Coosa and Tombigbee rivers; and also of the shoals and falls on the two last mentioned rivers.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making a partial appropriation for the subsistence of the army, during the year 1817, and

An act to amend the act entitled, "An act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes,"

Were severally read the third time and passed

Ordered, That the titles be as aforesaid, and that the clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House proceeded to consider the engrossed bill, "supplementary to the act to encourage vaccination," and the said bill being again read.

The question was taken, shall this bill pass?

And was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....57 / Nays.....88 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Baer,
Baker,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Bennett,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Boss,
Bryan,
Burwell,

Mr. Chappell,
Clendennin,
Condict,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Findley,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hall,
Harrison,
Heister,
Henderson,

Mr. Huger,
Hulbert,
Jewet,
Little,
Lowndes,
Lyle,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,
Middleton,
Miller,
Moseley,
Murfree,
Ormsby,
Piper,
Pleasants,
Powell,
Reynolds,
Mr. Robertson,
Ross,
Savage,
Schenck,
Smith, Md.
Southard,
Taylor, N. Y.
Townsend,
Wallace
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Wilkin,
Thos. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Wright.....57.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Archer,
Atherton,
Barbour,
Baylies,
Betts,
Blount,
Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Brooks,
Cady,
Calhoun,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Cilley,
Clark, N. Y.
Clarke, N. C.
Clayton,
Cooper,
Crawford,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards.
Fletcher,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Hale,
Hardin,
Hawes,
Hendricks,
Hooks,
Hopkinson,
Hungerford,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Kerr, Va.
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lovett,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Kee,
Mills,
Milnor,

Moffitt,	Stearns,
Moore,	Sturges,
Jer. Nelson,	Taggart,
Hugh Nelson,	Tallmadge,
Noyes,	Tate,
Parris,	Taul,
Pickens,	Telfair,
Pickering,	Thomas,
Randolph,	Tyler,
Reed,	Vose,
Rice,	Ward, N. Y.
Roane,	Ward, Ms.
Root,	Ward, N. J.
Ruggles,	Wheaton,
Sharp,	Wilcox,
Sheffey,	Wilde,
Smith, Pa.	Williams,
Smith, Va.	Yancey.....88.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill supplementary to the act regulating the duties on imports and tonnage, passed the 27th of April, 1816, be discharged from a further consideration of the said bill, and that it be recommitted to the committee on Foreign Relations.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the additional report of the committee of Elections, upon the contested election between John Scott, and Rufus Easton; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict, reported that the committee had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committe of the whole House, have leave to sit again on the said report.

And then the House adjourned.

commanding officer of said fort, in consequence of their affording a shelter to the beseiging enemy.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Hopkinson, also presented a petition of the Chamber of Commerce in Philadelphia, praying that an uniform system of bankruptcy may be established, which was referred to the committee of the whole House, on the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Clayton, presented a memorial of sundry citizens and inhabitants of the United States, to the same effect with the petition of the representatives of the society of Friends, presented on the 9th instant, which was referred to the committee upon the subject of the African slave trade.

Mr. Bassett, presented a petition of Arthur Sinclair, a captain in the navy of the United States, and late commander of the naval forces on lakes Erie, and Superior, praying that himself and his crew, may be allowed prize money for the destruction of a valuable store ship belonging to the enemy, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Steubenville, in the State of Ohio, presented on the 11th of April, 1816, be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Robertson, presented a petition of Anna Wade, praying that her title to a tract of land on Red river, in the State of Louisiana, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition Laurent Bazadone,

which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Yancey, also made an unfavourable report on the petition of Joseph Wescott, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to amend and explain the act for designating, surveying, and granting military bounty lands, passed the 6th of May, 1812, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House tomorrow.

Mr. Nelson also reported a bill to explain the act "to authorize certain officers and other persons to administer oaths," approved May 3d, 1798, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time tomorrow.

Mr. Chappell, from the committe on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of John Ingles, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Chappell, also made a report on the petition of John Paulding, which was read, and the question was stated to concur in the resolution therein recommended, to wit:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is *unreasonable*, and ought not to be granted.

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, to recommit the said report to the same committee, with instruction to report a bill to increase the pension of the petitioner,

And, the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Little, then moved to postpone the consideration of this report until Monday next, which motion was also rejected by the House.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the resolution recommended by the committee,

And passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee aforesaid, also reported a bill in addition to an act entitled, "An act for the relief of John Thompson," which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Thomas Murray, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill authorizing the establishment of a national armoury; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers.

Ordered, That the committee on Foreign Affairs, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Jacob Scheiffelin and Son, and that it be referred to the Secretary of State, as also from the petition of Daniel Oakey, and that it be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Wright, submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie for one day.

Resolved, That gentlemen elected members of either branch of the National Legislature, shall be admitted within the hall of the House of Representatives.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the additional report of the committee of Elections on the petition of Rufus Easton, contesting the election of John Scott, as the delegate from the Territory of Missouri, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict, reported that he was directed by the committee to report the resolution of the committee of Elections, with an amendment to strike out all that occurs after the word "Resolved," and to insert in lieu thereof the following:

That the election in the Missouri Territory has been illegally conducted, and the seat of the delegate from that Territory is vacant;

That the Speaker inform the governor of said Territory, of the decision of this House, that a new election may be ordered.

The House proceeded to consider the said report: When

Mr. Wright, moved to amend the amendment reported by the committee of the whole House, by striking out from the said resolutions, all after the words "Resolved" and to insert as follows:

"Rufus Easton, was entitled to the certificate of the governor of the Missouri Territory, of his election as a delegate from that Territory to the Congress of the United States, agreeably to the laws of the said Territory: Therefore

Resolved, That the said Rufus Easton, is entitled to a seat in this House, as the delegate from the said Territory, in the place of the sitting delegate."

The question was taken to agree to this amendment,

And was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to concur in the

amendment reported by the committee of the whole House, except so much as is contained in these words, "That a new election may be ordered."

And passed in the affirmative.

And on the question to concur in the resolution as amended.

It passed in the affirmative.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the acting Secretaty of War, transmitting a statement of the number of officers and privates composing the whole military force of the United States, in obedience to the resolution of the 11th instant, which were referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report in obedience to the resolution of the House of the 9th of March, 1816, directing him "to report whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary to equalize the duty on the capacity of stills, boilers, and other instruments used in distillation," which were referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the several orders of the day which precede the bill allowing compensation to the members of Congress, and the Delegates from Territories, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed for that purpose, be postponed until the 15th instant.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 14, 1817.

Mr. Ward, of Mass. presented a petition of sundry merchants and manufacturers in Boston, in Massachusetts, praying that the act laying a

new tariff of duties on imported articles may be so altered or modified as to admit the importation of *plate, braziers', and still copper* free of duty.

The Speaker presented a petition of the messengers of the Departments of State, War, Treasury, and Navy, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Ward, of Mass. also presented a petition of Winslow Lewis and Henry Lewis, praying to be paid the sum of 21,613 dollars, that sum being applied by the American consul at the port of Tunis, in Barbary, out of moneys in his hands belonging to them, to the payment of certain bills of exchange drawn on the Department of State, by the said consul, for the ransom and release of American citizens who were captives in Algiers.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Wendover, presented a petition of Oliver H. Hicks, and Lockwood Deforrest, merchants of the city of New-York, praying to be exonerated from the payment of full duties on a quantity of coffee imported by them into the port of New-York.

Mr. Smith, of Md. presented a memorial of William Thornton, keeper of the patent Office, stating that no direct provision exists in the laws upon the subject of patents, inventions, and discoveries embracing the case of statuary, and soliciting that an additional act may be passed upon the subject.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Brooks, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the twenty-first congressional district

in the State of New-York, in opposition to the pratice of opening and transporting the mails on the Sabbath, which was referred to a committee appointed on a similar petition from inhabitants of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Wm. P. Maclay, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Centre and Clearfield, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the act passed at the last session of Congress, fixing the compensation of members of Congress at fifteen hundred dollars per annum, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to allow compensation to the members of Congress, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed for that purpose.

Mr. Kent, presented a petition of the inhabitants of the village of Sackett's Harbour, in the State of New-York, representing their losses and sufferings occasioned by the late war with Great Britain, and praying that commissioners may be appointed to audit and adjust their accounts upon the spot.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a document in support of the claim of Peyton Short, which, together with the petition of the said Peyton Short, presented on the 5th day of March, 1816, was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Clayton, presented a petition of Allan M'Lane, stating that he commenced his military life as a volunteer in the year 1775, and continued to act in various stations of important trust, of active enterprize, of imminent peril throughout the checkered scenes of the revolutionary war, which

left him at its close a *major of infantry*, and that in the great cause of independence he offered up the flower of his life, and expended a handsome patrimony, for which he has never, as he alleges, received the promised rewards; that he is now old, infirm, and poor, and praying that Congress will take his case into their serious consideration and pass such act in the premises for his relief as to them, in their wisdom, shall seem just and right.

Mr. Peter, presented a petition of Catharine Young, mother of doctor John Young, jun. deceased, lately surgeon of the United States ship Peacock, praying to be allowed a pension, as she derived her support solely from the exertions of her said son.

Mr. Herbert, presented a petition of Charles Waggoner, a free man of colour, who was wounded in the naval service, during the late war, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hopkinson,

Ordered, That the petition of John Polhemus, presented on the 13th day of December, 1815, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Randolph, presented a petition of the President and board of Managers of the American society, for colonizing the free people of colour of the United States, praying that Congress will aid with the power, the patronage, and the resources of the country, the great and beneficial object of their institution, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, presented a petition of Garrique

Flourjae, praying that his title to a tract of land in the State of Louisiana, may be confirmed.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of Josiah Carney, and John F. M'Grew, praying that further time may be allowed them to file the evidence in support of their claims to land in the Mississippi Territory, and that the act of the 30th June, 1812, may be so amended as to grant further time to receive the testimony necessary to establish the claims which the said act intended to confirm.

Mr. Lattimore, also presented a petition of Hezekiah Carter, praying that his title to a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory, may be confirmed.

Mr. Pope, presented a petition of John Reynolds, praying that his title to a tract of land in the Missouri Territory, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Pope, also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Territory of Illinois, praying that an act may be passed declaring valid the confirmations of land titles in said Territory, made by the several governors of the Territories northwest of the river Ohio, under various acts of Congress passed for that purpose.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Crawford, from the joint committe for enrolled bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States, enrolled bills entitled,

An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage: And

An act directing the discharge of Nathaniel Taft, from imprisonment.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of James Gibson, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is *unreasonable* and ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Sharp, also made a report on the petition of the executors of the will of Absalom Tatom, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means to which was referred the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the State of the finances, made a report upon that part of it which relates to an addition to the sinking fund, which was read: When

Mr. Lowndes, reported a bill to provide for the redemption of the public debt, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes, also reported a bill to repeal so much of any acts in force, as authorizes a loan of money or an issue of Treasury notes, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House last appointed.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate "to increase the salaries of the register and receiver of public moneys of the land office at Marietta," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. from the committee of Elections made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table.

"That they have examined the certificate of

Election of Stephen D. Miller, who is returned as a Representative from the State of South-Carolina, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William Mayrant, and find the same sufficient to entitle him to a seat in this House."

Ordered, That Mr. Scott, have leave to withdraw such papers as may have been filed by him in support of his right to a seat in this House, as the delegate from the Territory of Missouri.

Mr. Hardin, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Bowie, and Kurtz, and others, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Clark, of N. Y. from the committee to which was referred the petitions of Samuel Thompson, and John Daily, made a report which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee on Foreign Affairs, to which was referred the message of the President of the United States, of the 26th ult. reported a bill to prevent citizens of the United States, from selling vessels of war to the citizens or subjects of any foreign power, and more effectually to prevent the arming and equipping vessels of war in the ports of the United States, intended to be used against nations in amity with the United States, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill concerning the navigation of the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of contracts made at the Navy Department in the year 1816, on behalf of the United States, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pickering, gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to present a bill further to regu-

late the Territories of the United States, and their electing delegates to Congress.

On motion of Mr. Wright,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday, for the admission of certain characters within the hall, and the same being again read, was rejected by the House.

Mr. Forsyth, submitted the following joint resolutions, which were read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the arrangement made by the President and Directors of the Bank of the United States, under which the notes of the stockholders secured by deposit of six per cent stock of the United States, are received in place of the specie required to be paid as a part of the second instalment, is an unwarrantable extension of the corporate powers of that body, and that the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, be and he is hereby directed to withhold the deposits of the government from the said Bank, until the proportion of specie required as part of the second instalment is actually paid, according to the true intent and meanining of the act of incorporation.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the discount of any note or the loan of money by the Bank of the United States, to individuals on the credit of the funded debt of the United Stated, either transferred to the Bank, or to any of its officers, or deposited with an authority to sell the same for the payment of the debt contracted, is a manifest violation of the ninth rule or fundamental article or the constitution of the said Bank, and is contrary to the spirit of the fifth section of the act of incorporation, and that the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury, be and he is hereby directed whenever he shall heaeafter ascertain that

any discount of notes or loan of money, has been made on such security, to proceed forthwith to withdraw from the said Bank, the deposits of the government, and that it shall be his duty to give information thereof to Congress, during the first week of its succeeding session.

An engrossed bill entitled, "An act to explain the act authorizing certain officers and other persons to administer oaths, approved May the 3d, 1798," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill entitled, "An act concerning the attorney-general of the United States," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his Secretary, notifying that the President had on this day approved and signed

An act directing the discharge of Nathaniel Taft, from imprisonment; and

An act supplementary to "An act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage."

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United United States and Delegates from Territories, and repealing all other laws on that subject contrary thereto; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Breckenridge, reported that the committee had made some progress therein and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 1817.

Mr. Brown, presented a petition of Christiana Ulmer, widow of Philip Ulmer, deceased, praying that the pension granted to her husband may be continued to her.

Mr. Smith, of Md. presented a petition of Montjoy Bayly, an officer in the revolutionary army, praying for a grant of the land to which he conceives himself entitled for his services in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Md.

Ordered, That the petition of Maria S. Tyson, presented on the 1st of March, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Savage presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Warren and Washington, in the State of New-York. representing their desire of emigrating to the Mississippi river, near the mouth of Demoine river, and praying to be permitted to locate one million of acres of land at ten cents per acre, and that they may be incorporated by the name of the "*Demoine settlement.*"

Mr. Powell, presented a petition of Mary Taylor, for and on behalf of the heirs and representatives of Nathaniel Taylor, deceased, stating that the said Nathaniel Taylor, in his life-time, by permission of the general government, and the chiefs of the Chickasaw nation of Indians, pur-

chased lands of and settled among said Indians, and erected extensive iron works and other improvements for the accommodation of the said Indians, which, as the petitioner alleges, were destroyed by fire, through the instrumentality of William Cocke, the United States agent residing in the said nation, and praying to be indemnified for the losses thereby sustained, in such manner as to Congress may appear just and proper.

Mr. Caldwell, presented a petition of George Reynolds, an officer of the revolutionary army, praying for a grant of the land to which he conceives himself entitled, for his services in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr Whiteside, presented a petition of John Fowler, praying for a renewal of the patent right right heretofore granted to him, for an improvement in the art of constructing bridges.

Mr. Newton, presented a petition of Copeland Parker, surveyor of the customs and inspector of the revenue for the ports of Norfolk and Portsmouth, praying for an increase of compensation.

Mr. Newton, also presented a petition of Philemon Gatewood, naval officer of the said ports of Norfolk and Portsmouth, also praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties Erie, Crawford and Venango, in Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. presented a petition of

M. Smith, a minister of the gospel, and resident in the province of Canada, at the commencement of the war with Great Britain, and who, from his attachment to the United States, left that province by which he lost his real and other property, and praying for a grant of land in consideration thereof.

Mr. Johnson, also presented a petition of Philip King, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States, in which he alleges to have contracted permanent disease and debility, and praying such relief as Congress may think proper to grant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Archer,

Ordered, That the petition of Mary Sears, presented on the 23d June, 1813, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Smith, of Md. presented a petition of the sugar refiners in Baltimore, praying that the act imposing duties on refined sugar may be repealed.

Mr. Lowndes, presented a petition of John Haslett, merchant, of Charleston, South-Carolina, praying to be relieved from the forfeiture incurred by him, on account of the importation of a quantity of Spanish rum in the year 1812, which from the *taste* and *smell* has been condemned as British.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means

Mr. Yancey, presented a petition of the religious society of Friends, in the State of North-Carolina, praying that Congress will adopt some measures towards colonizing the free people of colour residing within the United States, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Benjamin C. Bartlett, have

leave to withdraw his petition and documents presented to this House on the 12th January, 1816.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of Gabriel Winter, which was read: When

Mr. Sharp, reported a bill confirming certain lands in the county of Arkansas, in the Missouri Territory, to the heirs of Elisha Winter, deceased, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House tomorrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of John Bate, and that it be referred to Mr. Johnson, of Ky. Mr. Hendricks, Mr. M'Kee, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Jewett, Mr Cady, and Mr. Creighton.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the acting Secretary of War, transmitting lists of the clerks employed in the various offices of the War Department, during the year 1816, with the salary allowed to each, which were ordered to lie on the table.

On the motion of Mr. Pickering, (pursuant to the notice of yesterday.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in "a bill further to regulate the Territories of the United States, and their electing delegates to Congress," and that Mr. Pickering, Mr. Grosvenor, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr Gold,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Oswego Falls in the county of Oswego, to Troupsville or Sodus, in the county of Ontario, New-York.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the post-route in South-Carolina, from Camden to Lancaster.

On motion of Mr. Root,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the legal representatives of soldiers who enlisted to serve in the late war and died before muster, the same pay and bounty as such soldiers would have been entitled to, if they had been duly mustered.

On motion of Mr. Pickens,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads. be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-road from Morganton, by Rutherfordton, in the State of North-Carolina, to Greenville, in the State of South-Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Culpepper,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of Maltiah Turner.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Ky.

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be directed to inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension list, the following persons, to wit: Clement Estes, Spencer Shoemate, John M'Clure, Robert Worrell, Henry Doherty, George Hendricks, William Limon, William Wilson, Le Roy Jones, William Carter, John Hinkson, William English, and Thomas Edwards.

Mr. Pickering, from the committee for that purpose, by leave of the House, reported "a bill

further to regulate the Territories of the United States, and their electing delegates to Congress," which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of whole House on Monday next.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act concerning the attorney-general of the United States," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to the office of attorney-general, and to the establishment of an additional Department.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill allowing compensation to the members of Congress and delegates of Territories, and to repeal all other acts contrary thereto; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Breckenridge, reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 16, 1817.

Mr. Atherton, presented a petition of the New-Hampshire Bible Society, praying that the privilege of franking letters may be granted to the American Bible Society, under such regulations as Congress may think proper to prescribe.

Mr. Wm. P. Maclay, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Huntingdon and Mifflin. in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Wendover, presented a petition of the American Bible Society, praying that the privilege of franking and receiving letters free of postage, which relate to the concerns of the Society, may be extended to them, and that they may be permitted to import paper free of duty, on which they propose to print the Holy Scriptures.

Orderd, That so much of the said petition as relates to franking, be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, and that the residue thereof be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Mills, presented a petition of inhabitants of the district of Hampshire and Hampden, in Massachusetts, praying that the mails may not be opened or transported on Sundays.

Mr. Pitkin, and Mr. Moseley, respectively presented similar petitions from inhabitants of Connecticut.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on a petition for the same purpose from inhabitants of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Moseley, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Connecticut, praying to be paid for the capture of a midshipman and two marines, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Pitkin, presented a petition of Eliphalet Averill, praying for a remission of a part of the duties imposed on his distillery, as he did not use the same during the whole term for which he received a license.

Mr. Wm. Wilson, presented a petition of sun-

dry inhabitants of Northumberland, Union, and Columbia counties, in Pennsylvania, praying that such duties may be imposed upon spirits distilled within the United States, as will prevent the distillation thereof from grain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Langdon, presented a petition of Daniel Gloss, praying to be paid for a number of cattle taken from him during the late war with Great Britain, by a party of Canadians.

The Speaker presented a petition of William Esenbeck, messenger to the Secretary of the Treasury, praying to be paid for a quantitity of his private property which was destroyed by the burning of the Treasury Department, on the night of the 24th August, 1814.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Mobile and Baldwin, in the Mississippi Territory, praying to be paid for their cattle destroyed by soldiers and militia in the service of the United States, during the late war with the Indians and Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Brooks, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Ontario, in the State of New-York, praying that Troupsville, on lake Ontario, may be established as a port of entry and delivery.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of bar iron in the State of Kentucky, praying that additional duties may be imposed on iron of foreign manufacture, imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr Ingham,

Ordered, That the petition of Lewis Wernwag, presented on the 26th December, 1814, be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Daniel Pettibone.

Mr. Herbert, presented a petition of Sophia D. Gardner, widow of John M. Gardner, deceased, late a master-commandant in the navy of the United States, praying that some provision may be made for the support of herself and the infant son of the said deceased, who died of a disease contracted in the execution of the orders of his superior officer.

Mr. Roane, presented a petition of Sarah Atkinson, widow of William Atkinson, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Breckenridge, presented a petition of Andrew Moore, marshal of the district of Virginia, praying that an act may be passed directing the marshal in all cases of sales to be made under decrees of the courts, to make the said sales.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of Peter and David Randon, half bred Creek Indians, praying that the lands secured to them by the treaty of fort Jackson, may be designated, surveyed, and granted to them in the manner contemplated by the said treaty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill supplementary to "An act providing for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due to the United States," which was read

the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill for the relief of Joseph Summers, and John Allen, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the first article of the treaty of the 9th of August, 1814, between the United States and the Creek nation, to certain chiefs and warriors of that nation.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims, be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Henderson and Hackley, and William Tigner, and that they have leave to withdraw the same.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill from this House entitled, "An act for the relief of William Haslett," with an amendment. They have also passed bills of the following titles, "An act for the relief of William Edwards." And "An act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States, in the city of Washington," in which amendments and bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And he withdrew.

The amendment to the bill for the relief of William Haslett, was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate for the relief of William Edwards, was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate "authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States, in the city of Washington," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill allowing compensation to the members of Congress and delegates from Territories, and to repeal all other acts contrary thereto; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the char, and Mr. Breckenridge, reported the same with amendments, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Mr. Crawford, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills, entitled,

An act for the relief of William Haslett.

An act to authorize a new edition of the laws respecting the public lands; and found the same to be truly enrolled: When

Mr. Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 17, 1817.

Mr. Sturges, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Connecticut, against the practice of transporting and opening the mails on Sunday, which was referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from the inhabitants of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Law, presented a petition of Oliver Champlin, surveyor of the customs for the port of New-London, praying for an increase of compensation.

Mr. Hooks, presented a petition of sundry grocers, inhabitants of the town of Wilmington, in North-Carolina, praying that the act imposing duties on retailers of groceries may be repealed.

Mr. Alexander, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Mississippi Territory, residing adjacent to the Tombigbee and Mobile rivers, praying that a commissioner may be appointed to reside in the said Territory, to ascertain the amount of losses sustained by them during the late war, between the United States, and Great Britain and the Creek Indians, and that the amount thereof may be paid to them by the United States.

Mr. M'Lean, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Muhlenburg and Christian counties, in the State of Kentucky, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post Office and Post-Roads.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Mobile, in the Mississippi Territory, praying that their respective titles to the alluvion land lying in front of their lots may be confirmed to them.

Mr. Lattimore, also presented a petition of Sylvaint Mottus, also praying that his title to the alluvion land in front of his lot in the said town of Mobile, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of Claims made a report on the petition of Renner and Heath, which was read and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Yancey, moved that the committee of Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Alexander M'Cormick, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

And the question thereon being taken.

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the committee on Private Land Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of John Smith, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a repert on the petition of Francis Stinger, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is *unreasonable* and ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Sharp, also made a report on the petition of John Snodgrass, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is *unreasonable* and ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of the Legislature of the Territory of Missouri, respecting the county town of Lawrence county, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Robertson, also made a report on the petition of David Wheeler, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Sarah Dewees, and others, which was read and referred to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

Mr. Chappell, also made a report in part on the applications for pensions and increase of pensions of Peter Larkin, Joshua Patricks, Michael Pendergrass, and Nathan Farmsby, transmitted to this House by the Acting Secretary of War, in his report of the 2d instant, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House af follows:

Resolved, That the applicants have leave to withdraw their papers and documents.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of John Halfpenny, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Harrison, from the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to a re-organization of the militia, made a detailed report, which was read: When,

Mr. Harrison, reported a bill for organizing, classing, and arming the militia, and for calling them forth to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasion, and to repeal laws heretofore passed for those purposes; which was read the first and second time, and together with the report, committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Pickens, from the committee appointed on the 9th instant, on a memorial of a convention of delegates from fifteen counties of the Mississippi

Territory, made a detailed report, which was read: When,

Mr. Pickens, reported a bill to enable the people of the Mississippi Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union, on an equal footing with the original States; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House, on the bill to enable the people of the western division of the Mississippi Territory to form a constitution and State government and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statement of the district tonnage of the United States on the 31st of December, 1815, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting the annual report of the commissioners of the navy pension fund, which were ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed the bill entitled, "An act directing the discharge of Oliver Spellman, from imprisonment," and the bill entitled, "An act directing the discharge of John Ricaud, from imprisonment," with amendments to the latter, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And he withdrew.

A message in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his Secretary, which he delivered in at the Speaker's table. And he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the committee of the whole House, to the bill allowing compensation to the members of Congress and delegates from Territories and to repeal all other acts contrary thereto; and the said amendments being again read as follows, to wit: "fill the several blanks in the bill with the word '*six*.' So as to allow a compensation of '*six*' dollars per day to each Senator, Representative, and Delegate; a like sum of '*six*' dollars for every twenty miles of the estimated distance from his place of residence to the seat of Congress, and returning to his said residence, as also *six* dollars per day each, to the President pro tempore of the Senate, and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in addition to their pay as members of their respective Houses."

And on the question, "Will the House concur with the committee of the whole House in their said amendments?"

It was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....81 / Nays.....91 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Archer,
Avery,
Baer,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bennett,
Blount,
Boss,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Burwell,

Mr. Cady,
Caldwell,
Cannon,
Cilley,
Comstock,
Conner,
Crawford,
Darlington,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,

Mr. Glasgow,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Hawes,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Ingham,
Jackson,
Johnson, Ky.
King,
Langdon,
Lewis,
Little,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Mason,
M'Coy,
Mr. Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Ormsby,
Parris,
Peter,
Piper,
Pleasants,
Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Sharpe,
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Telfair,
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, N. J.
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilkin,
Williams,
Willoughby,
Wm. Wilson.....81

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Alexander,
Atherton,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Brown,
Calhoun,
Carr, Md.
Mr. Champion,
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Condict,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Findley,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gaston,

Mr. Gold,
Griffin,
Grosvenor,
Hall,
Henderson,
Hopkinson,
Hulbert,
Irwin, Pa.
Irving, N. Y.
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Law,
Love,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Marsh,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Middleton
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Moseley,
Murfree,
Jer. Nelson,
Newton,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Mr. Pitkin,
Powell,
Randolph,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Rice,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Pa.
Stearns,
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Tate,
Taylor, S. C.
Thomas,
Townsend,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Wheaton,
Wilde,
Tho. Wilson,
Woodward,
Wright,
Yancey,
Yates.....91

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 18, 1817.

Mr. Bradbury, presented a petition of Isaac S. Robertson, praying that the penalty incurred by him for selling spirituous liquors without a license may be remitted, being ignorant, as he alleges of the necessity of obtaining it.

Mr. Wendover, presented a petition of Henry

Cahoon, in behalf of himself and other officers of the revenue cutter Active, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means

Mr. Brown, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, praying that an act may be passed to prohibit the exportation for a limited time of bread stuffs and other articles of food.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Milnor, presented a petition of Daniel Pettibone, stating that he has made great improvements in the construction of fire places, in the economy of fuel, and in the distribution of heat, and praying that his improvements may be examined, and, if found to answer, that he may be employed to erect his said improvements in the Capitol.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Savage, presented a petition of Francis L. Harrison, of the State of New-York, praying to be paid for his houses and other property destroyed by the enemy during the late war, in consequence of their being occupied as deposites of provisions for the army of the United States, while stationed in the vicinity of the French Mills.

The Speaker presented a petition of Archibald M'Ilvain, senior, praying compensation for a horse lost in the military service during the late war.

Mr. Robertson, presented a petition of Jacques Villerie, praying compensation for damages committed on his property by the American troops during the military operations in the neighbour-

hood of the city of New-Orleans, at the close of the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Robertson, presented a petition of Guy H. Bell, praying further compensation for his services as clerk and translator in the land office for the western district of the State of Louisiana.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Md. presented a petition of John Carr, an officer of the revolutionary army, praying to be paid the balance of pay and emoluments due for his services in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of the legislature of the Mississippi Territory, praying that an additional judge may be appointed for the said Territory, to reside east of Pearl river.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Lattimore, also presented another petition from the legislature of the said Territory, praying that the title to lands in said Territory, arising under grants from the British authorities may be extinguished.

Mr. Pope, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Gallatin county, in the Indiana Territory, praying that a part of the grounds reserved for the use of the saline on the Wabash river, may be leased to a certain James Blue, on condition of his erecting buildings and keeping a public house near the said saline.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, who have been instructed to inquire into

the propriety of allowing to the State of Georgia fifteen per cent of her quota of the direct tax of 1816, assumed by the State, made a report, which was read: When,

Mr. Lowndes, reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury, to pay to the State of Georgia fifteen per cent upon the quota of direct tax for the year 1816, assumed and paid by that State, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House, on the bill to provide for the redemption of the public debt.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, made reports on the petitions of the trustees of Jefferson college; Diego M'Voy; inhabitants of Monroe county, in the Mississippi Territory, on behalf on John Bradford; and John M'Allister, and Foster Cook, which were read and the resolutions therein contained were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the trustees of Jefferson college ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That Diego M'Voy, have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the inhabitants of Monroe county, in the Mississippi Territory, on behalf of John Bradford, ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John M'Allister, and Foster Cook, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, also reported a bill to continue in force an act entitled, "An act relating to settlers on the lands of the United States," which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of

the whole House, on the bill making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the first article of the treaty between the United States, and the Creek nation, to certain chiefs and warriors of that nation.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Alexander M'Cormick, which was read and referred to the committee of the whole House, on the report of the same committee on the petition of Renner and Heath.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee to which was committed on the 15th instant, the bill from the Senate, "concerning the attorney-general of the United States," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Sharp, submitted the following:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, that a joint committee of two from each House be appointed to allot to the standing committees of both Houses of Congress, and such select committees as are appointed at the commencement of each session of Congress on the President's message, their rooms for the discharge of the public business.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to day.

On motion of Mr. Atherton,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-road from the town of Dunstable, in New Hampshire, over the river Merrimac, to the town of Nottingham West, in the same State.

On motion of Mr. Atherton,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to cause the warrant of concession granted by the Spanish government, to Elisha Winter and Sons, to be translated into the English language, and to have the said translation printed.

The message received yesterday from the President of the United States, was read and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States:

I transmit to Congress an account of the contingent expenses of the government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

JAMES MADISON.

January 17, 1817.

Ordered, That the said message lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting the report of the commissioners for ascertaining and adjusting claims to land in the eastern district of the State of Louisiana, which were referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill "directing the discharge of John Ricaud, from imprisonment," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill allowing compensation to the members of

Congress, and the delegates from Territories, and to repeal all acts contrary thereto. When,

A motion was made by Mr. Grosvenor, to fill the first blank in the bill with the word "*ten*" contemplating thereby, an allowance of ten dollars per day.

And on the question so to fill the blank,

It was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....33 / Nays.....134

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Alexander,
Atherton,
Calhoun,
Chappell,
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Creighton,
Davenport,
Forsyth,
Griffin,
Grosvenor,
Henderson,
Hopkinson,
Irving, N. Y.
Lovett,
Marsh,
Middleton,
Mr. Mills,
Milnor,
Moore,
Pickering,
Powell,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Pa.
Stuart,
Tate,
Thomas,
Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Wilde,
Thos. Wilson,
Wright.....33.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Archer,
Avery,
Baer,
Baker,
Barbour,
Mr. Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,

Mr. Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brooks,
Brown,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Cannon,
Carr, Ma.
Champion,
Cilley
Clark, N. Y.
Clarke, N. C.
Comstock,
Condict,
Conner,
Crawford,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Darlington,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards.
Findley,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Gaston,
Gold,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hall,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Hawes,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Hungerford,
Ingham,

Mr. Irwin, Pa.
Jackson,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Kilbourn,
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Little,
Love,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Miller,
Moffitt,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson.
Newton,
Noyes,
Ormsby,
Parris,
Peter,
Piper,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Randolph,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Rice,
Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Savage,

Mr. Sharp,
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Stearns,
Strong,
Sturges,
Tallmadge,
Taul.
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Townsend,
Tyler,
Mr. Vose,
Wallace
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilkin,
Williams,
Willoughby,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey.....134.

A motion was then made by Mr. Culpepper, to fill the said first blank with the word "*nine.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative { Yeas.....43 / Nays.....123

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Alexander,
Atherton,
Calhoun,
Chappell,
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Creighton,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Forsyth,
Griffin,
Grosvenor,
Henderson,
Hopkinson,
Irving, N. Y.
Kerr, Va.
Lowndes,
Marsh,
Mr. M'Kee,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moore,
Newton,
Pickering,
Powell,
Reynolds,
Ruggles,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Pa.
Stearns,
Strong,
Taggart,
Tate,

Mr. Thomas,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Mr. Wilde,
Thos. Wilson,
Wright.....43.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Archer,
Avery,
Baer,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Cilley,
Clark, N. Y.
Clarke, N. C.
Comstock,
Condict,
Conner,
Crawford,
Crocheron,
Darlington,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Findley,
Fletcher,
Mr. Forney,
Gaston,
Gold,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hall,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Hawes,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Hungerford,
Ingham,
Irwin, Pa.
Jackson,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Little,
Love,
Lovett,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Mason,
M'Coy,

Mr. M'Lean,
Moffitt,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Ormsby,
Parris,
Peter,
Piper,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Randolph,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Savage,
Sharp,
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Mr. Southard,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Tallmadge,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Townsend,
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilkin,
Williams,
Willoughby,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey.....123.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, then moved to fill the said blank with the word "*eight*."

And debate arising thereon.

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 20, 1817.

Mr. Betts, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Ulster, in the State of New-York, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Mr. Randolph, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Prince Edward, Cumberland Amelie, Powhatan, and Chesterfield, and of the town of Petersburgh, in the State of Virginia, also praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Heister, presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of bar iron, in the counties of Berks and Schuylkill, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on foreign iron imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Barbour,

Ordered, That the petition of Anthony Buck, presented on the 4th of December, 1809, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Clark, of N. C. presented a petition of sundry inhabitants and grocers in the town of Washington, and State of North-Carolina, complaining of the unequal and oppressive operation of the act imposing duties on licenses to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors and foreign merchandise, and praying that the said act may be repealed.

Mr. Moseley, presented a petition of William Van Deursen, and George Wolcott, surveyors of the customs, for the ports of Middletown, and Saybrook, in the State of Connecticut, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Ordered, That the petition of John F. Brenan, presented on the 11th January, 1815, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Lewis, presented a petition of Thomas Ewell, contractor for supplying gun powder for the navy of the United States, complaining that the agents of the Navy Department refuse to comply with their contracts, and pursue the most unjustifiable means to embarrass and ruin him,

and praying for the interference of Congress to the end that he may obtain that justice which is due to him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Gaston, presented a memorial of the legislature of the State of North-Carolina, remonstrating against the act of Congress, passed in the year 1806, entitled, "An act to authorize the State of Tennessee, to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to vacant and unappropriated lands within the same," and setting forth the injustice practised upon persons holding grants of the said lands, issued by the State of North-Carolina, and praying that the right of that State to perfect titles in the Territory south and west of Elk river line, not only upon the entries and warrants originally laid there, but also upon those laid originally in what is now called east Tennessee, may be confirmed. And that a board of commissioners may be authorized, and appointed, one by each of the States of North-Carolina and Tennessee, and one by the United States, to adjudicate all warrants and entries of lands in question, and pronounce upon their validity, and that a preference may be given to entries and warrants issued by North-Carolina, over those issued by Tennessee; or that the said act of 1806, may be repealed so far as the same conflicts with the rights of the State of North-Carolina, which memorial was read and ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Gaston, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Yancey, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. M'Kee, and Mr. Creighton, were appointed of the said committee.

Mr. Wilde, presented a petition of Joshua Clark, late paymaster to the 4th regiment of

Georgia militia in the service of the United States, praying to be relieved from the reimbursement to the United States, of a sum of money placed in his hands for the payment of the said regiment, which money was stolen from him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Ormsby,

Ordered, That the petition of Mary Wells, presented on the 4th of January, 1814, be referred to the same committee.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Mobile, in the Mississippi Territory, praying that additional fortifications may be erected for the defence of said town, and that the arbitrary conduct of the officer commanding the military forces stationed therein, in obstructing the roads coming to, and the streets running through the same, may be inquired into, and that the proper corrective may be applied.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Louisiana, and the Mississippi Territory, praying that a road may be laid out and opened from Natchez, to the landing on the river Amite.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of George Fisher, praying for a confirmation of his title to a tract of land in Washington county, in the Mississippi Territory.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion ofMr. Randolph,

Ordered, That the petition of the President and

board of Managers of the American Society for colonizing the free people of colour, be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to the African slave trade.

On motion of Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the petition of the Society of Friends in the State of North-Carolina, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Smith, of Md. from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the support of government during the year 1817, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of George Whetzel, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Charles Waggoner, and Catharine Young, and that they be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill to amend an act entitled, "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Joseph Stewart, and others," which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Pleasants, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of James Ware, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Navy on the petition of Stephen Rudd, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to allot rooms to the committees of each House, was read the third time and passed: And,

Mr. Sharp and Mr. Yancey, were appointed on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to enquire into expediency of placing Aaron Stafford, of Madison county, in the State of New-York, on the pension list of the United States.

Resolved, That the said committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the pension of Joseph Wescott, of the county of Otsego, in the State of New York.

Resolved, That the said committee be directed to enquire into the expediency of placing John Miller, of Burlington, in the county of Otsego and State of New York, on the pension list of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route, from the new town on the Somerset great stage road in Westmoreland county, by the way of Fairfield meeting-house to Armagh in Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Taylor, of New-York, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the commissioner of public buildings be instructed to report to this House what causes have retarded the repairs of the south wing of the capitol, and at what time its preparation for the reception of the House of Representatives may be reasonably anticipated.

The said resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Mark Miller, of the State of Tennessee, on the pension list.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr Speaker—The Senate have passed the "joint resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to allot rooms to the committees of each House," and have appointed a committee on their part. And he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill allowing compensation to the members of Congress and delegates from Territories, and to repeal all other acts contrary thereto—And the question recurred on filling the first blank in the said bill with the word "*eight*;" thereby contemplating an allowance of eight dollars a day to each member of Congress and to the delegate from each of the Territories.

And, being put,

It was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....76 / Nays.....92 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Alexander,
Bateman,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Calhoun,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Condict,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Findley,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Gold,
Griffin,
Hall,
Henderson,
Hopkinson,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Law,
Love,
Lowndes,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
M'Kee,
Mr. M'Lean,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Newton,
Pitkin,
Powell,
Reynolds,
Rice,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Penn.
Stearns,
Strong,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Telfair,
Thomas,
Townsend,
Wallace,
Ward, Ms.
Wendover,
Wheaton,
Wilde,
Tho. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Wright,
Yancey,
Yates.....76.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Archer,
Atherton,
Mr. Avery,
Baer,

Mr. Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Betts,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Cilley,
Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Conner,
Crawford,
Darlington,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Grosvenor,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Hungerford,
Irwin, Penn.
Jewett,
Mr. Johnson, Ky.
King,
Langdon,
Lewis,
Little,
Lovett,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
Murfree,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Ormsby,
Parris,
Peters,
Pickering,
Piper,
Pleasants,
Randolph,
Reed,
Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Sharp,
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Stuart,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Tyler,
Vose,
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Whiteside,
Wlicox,
Wilkin,
Williams,
Willoughby.....92.

Mr. Grosvenor then moved to strike out the

whole of the bill after the enacting clause and to insert as follows:

That from and after the close of the present session of Congress, the act entitled, "An act to change the mode of compensation of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and delegates from Territories," and all other acts and parts of acts relating to the pay or compensation of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and of the delegates of the several Territories for their services, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Harrison then moved to recommit the said bill to the committee of the whole, with instructions to fill the blanks in the same with the word "six."

And debate arising.

The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 21, 1817.

Mr. Cilley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Stafford in the State of New-Hampshire.

Mr. Parris presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Oxford, in the District of Maine,

Mr. William Wilson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Oswego, in the State of New-York, and of Montrose, in the State of Pennsylvania, respectively praying for the establishment of post-routes.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of Stephen Jenks and others, late contractors for supplying arms for the army of the United States, praying

to be allowed an additional sum in the settlement of their accounts, as they allege the said arms cost them a sum much greater than that contracted for with the public.

Mr. Parris presented a petition of Joseph Coffin Boyd, late a paymaster in the army of the United States; stating that he paid a sum of money to a certain Joseph Westcott, a captain of volunteers in actual service. to be by him paid to the said company, which sum of money was accidentally lost by the said Westcott, and praying to be exonerated from his liability to the United States for the same.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Irving, of N. Y. presented a petition of Willet Coles, confined in jail at the suit of the United States, praying to be released from his confinement.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Irving, of N. Y. also presented a petition of John M. Ryer, praying to be remunerated for his expenditures and services in fitting out a vessel with the intention of destroying the armed vessels of the enemy during the late war with Great Britain, in pursuance of the act of the 3d of March, 1813, entitled "An act to encourage the destruction of the armed vessels of war of the enemy;" in which enterprize he succeeded in destroying several armed boats and barges.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Root presented a petition of Henry Bradley, late a lieutenant of militia in the actual service of the United States, praying to be renumerated

for the expenses incurred by him while sick, on his way home after his discharge.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Jackson presented a petition of Mary Riggs, widow of Cyrus Riggs, deceased, who died of sickness contracted while in the militia service of the United States, praying that the pension allowed to the widows and children of militia soldiers who died previous to their discharge from service, may be granted to her and the five orphan children of the deceased.

Ordered, that the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims

On motion of Mr. Hugh Nelson,

Ordered, That the petition of William Tatham, presented on the 14th January, 1812, be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, Mr. Murfree, Mr. Peters, Mr. Atherton and Mr. Blount were appointed the said committee.

Mr Pickens, one of the Representatives from the State of North Carolina, laid before the House the following proceedings of the Legislature of that State; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

State of North Carolina;

The committee to whom was referred a resolution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,

REPORT....

That the said resolution is in principle the same with that adopted by the General Assembly of North-Carolina at their last session, with a modification of one of the provisions

in the said resolutions; which meets the unanimous concurrence of your committee. They therefore recommend that the resolution of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in the words following, to wit: "That for the purpose of choosing Representatives in the Congress of the United States, each State shall by its Legislature be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of Repaesentatives to which each State may be entitled. The districts shall be formed of contiguous territory, and contain as nearly as may be an equal number of inhabitants, entitled by the Constitution to be represented. In each district the qualified voters shall elect one Representative and no more. That for the purpose of appointing Electors of President of the United States, each State shall by its Legislature be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of Electors to which such State may be entitled. The districts shall be composed of contiguous territory, and contain as nearly as may be an equal number of inhabitants entitled by the Constitution to representation. In each district the persons qualified to vote for Representatives, shall appoint one Elector and no more. The Electors when convened shall have power, in case any of them appointed as above prescribed shall fail to attend for the purposes of their said appointment on the day prescribed for giving their votes for President and Vice-President of the United States, to appoint another or others to act in the place of him or them so failing to attend. Neither the districts for choosing Representatives nor those for appointing Electors shall be altered in any State until a census and apportionment of Representatives under it subsequent to the division of the State into districts shall be made. The division of States into districts hereby provided for, shall take place immediately after this amendment shall be adopted and ratified as a part of the Constitution of the United States; and successively immediately afterwards whenever a census and apportionment of representatives under it shall be made.

The division of each State into districts for the purposes both of choosing Representatives and of appointing Electors, shall be altered agreeable to the provisions of this amendment and on no other occasion"—be adopted. And that our Senators in the Congress of the United States be instructed. and our Representatives be requested to endeavour to obtain the said amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved further, That his excellency the governor of this State be, and he is hereby requested to forward a copy of the preceding resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, and also to the Executives of the several States, accompanied with a request that the same may be laid before their respective Legislatures for their consideration and adoption. Respectfully submitted.

R. M. SANDERS, Chairman.

IN SENATE, DECEMBER, 23d, 1816.

The above report being read, was unanimously concurred with; and the resolutions therein proposed unanimously adopted.

JOHN BRANCH, S. S.

By order,

ROB'T. WILLIAMS, C. S.

IN HOUSE OF COMMONS, DECEMBER 24th, 1816.

Read and concurred with unanimously; and the resolutions therein proposed unanimously adopted.

JA. IREDELL, S. H. C.

By order,

P. HENDERSON, C. H. C.

The foregoing is a true copy.

Test, ROB'T. WILLIAMS, C. S.

Mr. Blount, presented sundry resolutions adopted at a meeting of sundry inhabitants of Blount county, in the State of Tennessee, respecting the situation of land titles in that county, the grievan-

ces of the people in consequence of the conflicting claims arising under the States of North-Carolina and Tennessee, and soliciting that so much of the act of 1806, as fixes a specific price for the public lands within the said State of Tennessee, and as appropriates certain described parts of the same for the benefit of seminaries of learning, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the select committee adpointed yesterday on the memorial of the legislature of North-Carolina, concerning the said lands.

Mr. Lattimore, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Mississippi Territory, praying to be permitted to remain on the public lands on which they now reside, until the same shall be offered at public sale.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill to amend the act concerning settlers on the public lands.

Ordered, That the committee for the District of Columbia, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Daniel Pettibone, and that it be referred to the committee on the public buildings.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of George Reynolds, and that it be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Washington and Warren, in the State of New-York, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows:

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Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee also made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the Mississippi Territory, referred on the 13th ultimo, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought *not* to be granted.

Mr Robertson, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of the inhabitants of the Territory of Michigan, reported a bill allowing further time for entering certain donation rights to land in the district of Detroit, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House, on the bill making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the first article of the treaty between the United States and the creek Indians, to certain chiefs and warriors of that nation.

Mr. Smith, of Md. from the committe on Foreign Affairs, reported a bill to prohibit all commercial intercourse with ports and places, into or with which the vessels of the United States, are not ordinarily permitted to enter and trade, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill concerning the navigation of the United States.

Mr. Lowndes, laid before the House letters addressed to him as chairman of the committee of Ways and Means, by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Acting Secretary of War, and the Secretary of the Navy, respecting the accountability of public officers and agents, and the duties and emoluments of the attorney-general, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his report in obedience to a resolution of the House of the 17th of April, last, directing him to procure and lay before the House, information in relation to the lead mines of the United States, lying in the counties of Washington and St. Genevieve, and Territory of Missouri, which were referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

An engrossed bill entitled, "An act to amend an act entitled an act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Joseph Stewart and others," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee of Ways and Means of the second instant, on the petition of Chancellor H Sanders and Manuel Judah, and the said report being again read, the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign an act for the relief of William Haslett.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The President of the United States did, yesterday, approve and sign an act to authorize a new edition of the collection of laws respecting the public lands. The Senate have

passed the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the subsistence of the army during the year 1817." They have also passed a "Joint Resolution to employ John Trumbull to compose and execute certain paintings,"—In which resolution they require the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill allowing compensation to the members of Congress and delegates from Territories, and to repeal all acts contrary thereto:—The question depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, on the motion of Mr. Harrison to recommit the said bill to a committee of the whole House, with instructions to fill the blanks therein, with the word "six"—being stated,

Mr. Harrison withdrew so much of the said motion as contemplated any instruction: Whereupon,

Mr. Pickering moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken—"Shall the bill be postponed indefinitely?"

It was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....53 / Nays.....115 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Atherton,
Baer,
Baker,
Baylies,
Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Calhoun,
Carr, Ms.
Mr. Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Condict,
Crawford,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Glasgow,

Mr. Griffin,
Grosvenor,
Hopkinson,
Hulbert,
Irving, N. Y.
Jewett,
Kerr, Va.
Law,
Love,
Lovett,
Marsh,
Middleton
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Jer. Nelson,
Pickering,
Mr. Robertson,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Pa.
Stearns,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Tate,
Thomas,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Woodward,
Wright,
Yates.....53,

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Archer,
Avery,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Bennett,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Boss,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Cannon,
Champion,
Cilley,
Clark, N. C.
Comstock,
Conner,
Creighton,
Mr. Crocheron,
Darlington,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hall,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Heister,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Ingham,

Mr. Irwin, Pa.
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
King,
Langdon,
Lewis,
Little,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Miller,
Moseley,
Murfree,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Newton,
Noyes,
Ormsby,
Parris,
Peter,
Pickens,
Piper,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Mr. Powell,
Randolph,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Rice,
Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Sharpe,
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Strong,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Townsend,
Tyler,
Vose,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Williams,
Tho. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Yancey.....115.

The question was then taken on recommitting the bill to a committee of the whole House.

And determined in the negative.

The question recurred on the amendment proposed yesterday, by Mr. Grosvenor, and undecided at the time of adjournment; and being stated,

Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. moved to amend the said amendment, by striking out the whole thereof, after the word "*that*" at the commencement, and to insert the following:

"The act entitled "An act to change the mode of compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the delegates from Territories, approved March 19th, 1816, be, and the same is hereby repealed."

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Taylor.

It was determined in the affirmative. { Yeas....85 / Nays....81 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Archer,
Avery,
Baer,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bennett,
Blount,
Boss,
Brooks,
Burwell,
Cannon,
Cilley,
Comstock,
Conner,
Crawford,
Crocheron,
Darlington,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards.
Findley,
Fletcher,
Forsyth,
Glasgow,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Hahn,
Hale,

Mr. Hall,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
King,
Langdon,
Lewis,
Little,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson.
Noyes,
Ormsby,

Mr. Parris,
Peter,
Piper,
Pleasants,
Randolph,
Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Sharp,
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Taylor, N. Y.
Telfair,
Mr. Townsend,
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace
Ward, N. J.
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Williams,
Willoughby,
Wm. Wilson,
Yancey.....85.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Alexander,
Atherton,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Cady,
Calhoun,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clarke, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Condict,
Creighton,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Forney,
Gaston,
Gold,
Griffin,
Grosvenor,
Mr. Henderson,
Hopkinson,
Hulbert,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Irwin, Pa.
Jewett,
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Law,
Love,
Lovett,
Marsh,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moore,
Moseley,
Murfree,
Jer Nelson,
Newton,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Pitkin,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Rice,
Robertson,

Mr. Ruggles,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Pa.
Stearns,
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Tate,
Mr. Taul,
Taylor, S. C.
Thomas,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Wheaton,
Thos. Wilson,
Woodward,
Wright,
Yates.....81.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Grosvenor, as amended on the motion of Mr. Taylor, was then agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Forsyth, further to amend the bill, by inserting the following section, as the second thereof:

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the accounts of the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, and of the delegates from the Territories, *for services rendered during the present Session*, shall be adjusted and settled in the same manner, and by the same rule, as if the act repealed by this act, had never been passed.

Mr. Randolph moved to amend the said amendment by striking out these words "*for services rendered during the present Session.*"

And debate arising thereon.

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 22, 1817.

Mr. Vose, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Springfield, in Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Mr. Gold, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Oneida, Oswego,

Cayuga, Ontario, and Gennessee, in the State of New-York, also praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Moseley, presented a petition of Alexander Wolcott, collector of the customs for the district of Middletown, praying for an increase of compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Clark, of N. Y. presented a petition of Justus Ingersoll, late a lieutenant in the army of the United States, praying for a pension.

Mr. Savage, presented a petition of John Hubbard, a soldier in the revolutionary army, also praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Clark, of N. Y.

Ordered, That the petition of Erastus Granger, presented on the 14th February, 1816, be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Brooks, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Ontario county, in the State of New-York, praying that the mails may not be transported or opened on Sundays.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from the inhabitants of Southamption, in the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. Wm. P. Maclay, presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of iron in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on foreign iron imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hopkinson, presented a petition of Ann Feran, praying to be paid the amount of wages due for the services of her son John Feran, as a sailor, in the navy of the United States, who was lost in the brig Epervier.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Savage, presented a petition of Luther Drury, junior, who, at the commencement of the late war with Great Britain, was an inhabitant of the province of Canada, which he left and joined the American army as a volunteer, praying for a grant of land in virtue of an act granting bounties in land and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House on the "bill to amend the act granting bounties in land and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers."

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen and marines who were lost in the United States brig Epervier, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of modifying the laws relative to the collection of the internal revenue, so far as to require the collectors within the State of Maryland, to keep an office, or known place for the transaction of business at the county town of each county

of their district, and to attend there by themselves or deputy at certain stated times, for that purpose;

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a post-road from Baskingridge in the county of Somerset, through New-Providence and Springfield to Elizabeth-town, and to discontinue the post-route from Baskingridge to Morristown, in Morris county, in the State of New-Jersey.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing Registers to be issued to that description of vessels denominated *Sea Letter vessels.*

The joint resolution from the Senate to employ John Trumbull to compose and execute certain paintings, was read the first and second time and referred to Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Wilde, Mr. Randolph and Mr. Pitkin.

Mr. Crawford from the joint committee for enrolled bills reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act making a partial appropriation for the subsistence of the army during the year 1817.

An act directing the discharge of Oliver Spellman from imprisonment; and

An act directing the discharge of John Ricaud from imprisonment, and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Cady submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby required to report to this House, whether there be any bank notes in the Treasury, which cannot be advantageously applied in the payment of debts due from the United States, and if there be any such bank notes, the amount thereof, and in what banks the same are deposited, and whether any, and what provision in his opinion, ought to be made by law, to compel the banks which issued such notes to redeem the same, or give security for the redemption thereof, with interest.

Mr. Crawford from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported that the committee had presented to the President of the United States, the enrolled bills this day examined.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill allowing compensation to the members of Congress and delegates from Territories, and to repeal the acts contrary thereto.—The question depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, on the amendment proposed by Mr. Randolph to the amendment proposed by Mr. Forsyth, recurred,

And being taken,

It was determined in the negative. { Yeas.....61 / Nays. ....,101

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Archer,
Atherton,
Baker,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Bryan,
Mr. Burwell,
Caldwell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clarke, N. C.
Condict,
Crawford,
Desha,

Mr. Fletcher,
Goldsborough,
Grosvenor,
Hall,
Hammond,
Heister,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Jewett,
King,
Langdon,
Lewis,
Little,
Wm. P. Maclay,
M'Kee,
Miller,
Moore,
Murfree,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Mr. Ormsby,
Parris,
Pickens,
Piper,
Randolph,
Reynolds,
Ross,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Md.
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Thomas,
Townsend,
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wendover,
Wheaton,
Wilkin,
Thos. Wilson,
Yates.....61.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Alexander,
Avery,
Baer,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Brooks,
Cady,
Calhoun,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Mr. Champion,
Chappell,
Cilley,
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Conner,
Cooper,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Darlington,
Davenport,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Findley,
Forney,
Gaston,
Gold,

Mr. Goodwyn,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Hopkinson,
Hulbert,
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Law,
Love,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moseley,
Newton,
Mr. Noyes,
Peter,
Pickering,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Powell,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,
Robertson,
Root,
Ruggles,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Stearns,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, Ms.
Whiteside,
Wilde,
Williams,
Willoughby,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Wright,
Yancey.....101.

A motion was made by Mr. Grosvenor to amend the said amendment of Mr. Forsyth, by striking out all after the word "*enacted*," and to insert:

"That this act shall not take effect, or be in force to repeal the act aforesaid, until after the close of the present Session.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the passing of this act shall not be construed to revive any act or acts, or parts of acts, repealed or suspended by the act, entitled "An act to change the mode of compensation to the members of the

Senate and House of Representatives, and the delegates from Territories," passed the 19th of March, 1816.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....104 / Nays.....62

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Alexander,
Atherton,
Baer,
Baker,
Baylies,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Bryan,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Calhoun,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Cilley,
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Condict,
Conner,
Cooper,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Darlington,
Davenport,
Findley,
Forney,
Gaston,
Mr. Gold,
Griffin,
Grosvenor,
Hardin,
Henderson,
Herbert,
Hopkinson,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Jewett,
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Law,
Lewis,
Love,
Lovett,
Lyle,
Wm. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Moseley.
Murfree,
Tho. M. Nelson,

Mr. Newton,
Noyes,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Piper,
Powell,
Randolph,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Robertson,
Root,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Sheffey,
Smith, Penn.
Stearns,
Mr. Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Taul,
Taylor, S. C.
Thomas,
Townsend,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilkin,
Willoughby,
Thos. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yates.....104.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Archer,
Avery,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Bennett,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Brooks,
Burwell,
Cannon,
Chappell,
Comstock,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Forsyth,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Hahn,
Hall,
Hammond,
Mr. Harrison,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Hooks,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Hungerford,
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
King,
Langdon,
Little,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyon,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Hugh Nelson,
Ormsby,
Parris,
Peter,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Rice,
Roane,

Mr. Smith, Md.	Mr. Ward, N. J.
Smith, Va.	Wilcox,
Southard,	Wilde,
Taylor, N. Y.	Williams,
Tyler,	Wm. Wilson,
Vose,	Wright,
Wallace,	Yancey.....62.

The said amendment as amended, was then agreed to by the House.

Mr. Wilde then moved further to amend the said bill, by adding thereto, the following sections, as the 4th and 5th:

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That at every future session of Congress, and at every meeting of the Senate, in the recess of Congress, each Senator shall be entitled to receive, in lieu of all other compensation heretofore allowed by law, eight dollars for every day he shall attend the Senate; and shall also be allowed, at the commencement and end of every such session and meeting eight dollars, for every twenty miles of the estimated distance, by the most usual road, from his place of residence, to the seat of Congress; and in case any member of the Senate shall be detained by sickness, on his journey to or from any session or meeting, or after his arrival, shall be unable to attend the Senate, he shall be entitled to the same daily allowance, and the President of the Senate pro tempore, when the office of the Vice-President of the United States, is or shall be vacant, shall, during the period of his services, be entitled to receive, in addition to his compensation as a member of the Senate, eight dollars, for every day he shall attend the Senate. *Provided*, That no Senator shall be allowed a sum not exceeding the rate of eight dollars a day, from the end of one such session or meeting, to the time of his taking a seat in another.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That during the remaining part of the present session of Congress, to be cal-

culated from the time of passing this act, and at every future session of Congress, each Representative, and each delegate from the respective Territories, shall be entitled, in lieu of all other compensation, heretofore allowed by law, eight dollars, for every day they shall attend the House of Representatives; and shall be allowed, at the commencement and end of each session eight dollars, for every twenty miles of the estimated distance, by the most usual road, from his place of residence, to the seat of Congress; and in case any Representative or Delegate, shall be detained by sickness, on his journey to and from the session, or after his arrival shall be unable to attend the House of Representatives, he shall be entitled to the daily allowance aforesaid: and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to receive, in addition to his compensation as a Representative, eight dollars, for every day he shall attend the House: *Provided always*, That no Representative or Delegate shall be allowed a sum exceeding the rate of eight dollars a day, from the end of one session, to the time of taking his seat in another. That the said compensation to the members of the Senate, shall be certified by the President, and that which shall be due to the members of the House of Representatives, and to the Delegates, shall be certified by the Speaker; and the same shall be passed as public accounts, and paid out of the public Treasury. And that all acts, or part of acts, contrary to the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

And on the question, shall these sections be added,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....31 / Nays.....133 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Alexander,
Atherton,
Cannon,
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Condict,
Creighton,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Findley,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Gold,
Goldsborough,
Mr. Hammond,
Lowndes,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Moseley,
Pickens,
Pitkin,
Reynolds,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Thomas,
Wilde,
Tho. Wilson,
Yancey.....31.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Archer,
Avery,
Baer,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Calhoun,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Cilley,
Mr. Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Conner,
Cooper,
Crawford,
Crocheron,
Darlington,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Goodwyn,
Griffin,
Grosvenor,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Heister,
Henderson,
Hendricks,

Mr. Herbert,
Hooks,
Hopkinson,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Hungerford,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Irwin, Penn.
Jackson,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Little,
Love,
Lovett,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Murfree,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Newton,
Noyes,
Ormsby,
Parris,
Mr. Peters,
Pickering,
Piper,
Pleasants,
Powell,
Randolph,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Sheffey,
Smith, Penn.
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Stearns,
Strong,
Stuart,
Tate,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wendover,
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilkin,
Williams,
Woodward,
Wright,
Yates.....133.

The said bill was then ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

And the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 23, 1817.

A new member, to wit: from Georgia, Zadock Cook, appeared and took his seat in the room of Alfred Cuthbert, resigned; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Hulbert presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Becket and Washington, in Massachusetts, in opposition to the practice of opening and transporting the mails on Sundays; which was referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from inhabitants of Southampton, in the same State.

Mr. Baylies presented a petition of Elias Ware, a soldier in the revolutionary army, praying for a pension.

Mr. Pickering presented a petition of Daniel Simonds, an officer of the revolutionary army, also praying for a pension.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. presented documents in support of the application of Amistead Whitehead, for an increase of his pension.

Ordered, That the said petitions and documents be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of the merchants and ship owners in the city of New-York, praying that an act may be passed, imposing such restrictions on the commerce of foreign nations with, and on the shipping of said nations entering into, the ports of the United States, as are imposed by them or either of them on the commerce of the United States, or on the shipping of the same entering the ports of such foreign nation or nations.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to prohibit all commercial intercourse with ports or places into, or with which, the vessels of the United States are not ordinarily permitted to enter and trade.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. presented a petition of Ebenezer Mosier, guardian of the infant children of Thomas Howard, deceased, late of the city of Hudson, in the State of New-York, who died while a soldier in the army of the United States, praying for a grant of the land to which the deceased was entitled for his services as a soldier aforesaid.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. also presented a petition of sundry officers and privates of the 17th regiment of Kentucky militia, commanded by colonel Francisco, which said regiment was called into actual service for six months, but before the expiration of that term, they were discharged, and praying to be allowed pay for the said term of six months.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Robertson presented a petition of Samuel Harper, Register of the Land Office for the Eastern district of Louisiana, praying compensation for his services in bringing to the city of Washington, the report on the claims to land in the said district.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. from the committee to which was referred the letter and report of the Acting Secretary of War, on the application of major-general William H. Harrison, respecting his expenditures of public money while commanding

the North Western army, made a report thereon, stating that the committee are unanimously of opinoin that general Harrison stands above suspicion as to his having had any pecuniary or improper connexion with the officers of the commissariat for the supply of his army; that he did not wantonly or improperly interfere with the rights of the contractors, and that in his whole conduct, as the commander of the said army, he was governed by a laudable zeal for, and devotion to, the public service and interest. Which said report was read and considered: Whereupon, it was,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the papers be transmitted to the Department of War.

Mr. Clark, of N. Y. from the committee to which were referred the memorials and petitions of the inhabitants of the town of Buffalo and of the Niagara frontier claiming indemnification for property destroyed by the enemy during the late war with Great Britain, made a detailed report, which was read: When,

Mr. Clark, by leave of the House, reported a bill for the relief of certain sufferers in the late war between the United States and Great Britain; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. H. Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to appoint an additional judge for the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee appointed on the petition of John Darnall, by leave of the

House, reported a bill for the relief of John Darnall; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House tomorrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign,

An act making a partial appropriation for the subsistence of the army, during the year 1817;

An act directing the discharge of Oliver Spellman from imprisonment; and

An act directing the discharge of John Ricaud from imprisonment.

Ordered, that the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Ingham,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending so much of the act of the 21st of April, 1816, entitled, "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out certain public roads and for other purposes," as relates to the compensation of Clerks.

Mr. Ingham, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Atherton, Mr. Cady, and Mr. Yates, were appointed the committee.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Dandridge, in Jefferson county, to Sevierville, in Sevier county, Tennessee,

An engrossed bill "allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and delegates from Territories, and repealing all other laws on that sub-

ject contrary thereto," was read the third time, and the question stated, that the same do pass:

Mr. Randolph moved to commit the said bill to a select committee; which was agreed to by the House, and Mr. Randolph, Mr. Grosvenor, and Mr. Hopkinson were appointed the said committee, with leave to sit during the session of the House.

Mr. Randolph, with leave of the House, reported an amendment to the said bill, which was read and concurred in, and the bill was ordered to be re-engrossed and read a third time forthwith to-day

The said bill, being engrossed, was read the third time accordingly, and is in the following words:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the close of the present session of Congress the act entitled "An act to change the mode of compensation to the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the delegates from Territories," passed the 19th of March, 1816, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed. *Provided always,* That nothing herein contained, shall be construed to revive any act or acts, or parts of acts repealed or suspended by the act hereby repealed.

A motion was made by Mr King that the bill be recommitted to a select committee, with instructions to report a repeal of the compensation law of the last session, and reviving all laws suspended by that act.

And the question being taken on this motion,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken, "Shall this bill pass?"

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....138 / Nays.....27 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Alexander,
Archer,
Atherton,
Avery,
Baer,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Bennett,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Boss,
Breckenridge,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Cilley,
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Conner,
Cook,
Crawford,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Darlington,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Findley,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Gold,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Heister,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Irwin, Pa.
Jackson,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Little,
Love,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,

Mr. Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Miller,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Peter,
Pickering,
Piper,
Pleasants,
Powell,
Randolph,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Mrr. Sheffey,
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Tate,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Thomas,
Tyler,
Vose,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Williams,
Willoughby,
Thos. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Yancey.....138.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Baylies,
Betts,
Bradbury,
Calhoun,
Chappell,
Clayton,
Condict,
Cooper,
Davenport,
Grosvenor,
Hall,
Hopkinson,
Hulbert,
Kerr, Va.
Mr. Mills,
Newton,
Pitkin,
Rice,
Robertson,
Savage,
Smith, Penn.
Stearns,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Woodward,
Yates.....27.

Ordered, That the title be "An act to repeal after the close of the present session of Congress the act entitled, 'An act to change the mode of compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the delegates from Territories,' passed on the 19th of March, 1816," and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted by him on the 14th instant, concerning a violation of the charter of the National Bank by its Directors; which was read the second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill concerning the navigation of the United States; to which was committed the bill "to prevent citizens of the United States from selling vessels *of war* to the citizens or subjects of any foreign power, and more effectually to prevent the arming and equipping vessels *of war* in the ports of the United States, intended to be used against nations in amity with the United States, and after some time spent therein." Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jackson reported that the committee had made some progress in the last mentioned bill, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bills.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 24, 1817.

Mr. King, of Mass. presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Saco, in the District

of Maine, against the practice of transporting and opening the mails on Sundays; which was referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from the inhabitants of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Clayton presented a petition of John Fisher, judge of the District Court, in and for the district of Delaware, praying that so much of an act of the 18th of December, 1812, concerning the district and territorial judges of the United States, as debars the petitioner from the practice of law in the State Courts, may be repealed, or that his salary may be increased

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of John Chalmers, jr. praying compensation for a rope walk, which was situated in the city of Washington, and destroyed partly by the troops of the United States, and partly by the enemy, in the month of August, 1814.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of the legislature of the Territory of Illinois, praying that the inhabitants who resided on the frontiers of that Territory, and were compelled to encounter the enemy during the late war between the United States and Great Britain and her Indian allies, may be allowed the pay and emoluments of soldiers of the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of George G. Gutter, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Hugh Nelson presented a petition of sun-

dry inhabitants of the county of Albemarle, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Lattimore presented documents in support of the petitions of William Collins and Ann Brashears; which were referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of Pierre Baribeau, praying for a confirmation of his title to a tract of land in the Illinois Territory.

On motion of Mr. Hendricks,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, in the State of Indiana, presented on the 7th of January, 1813, be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Ross, Mr. Avery, Mr. Smith, of Va. and Mr. Sharp, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Pope also presented a petition of the inhabitants of Prairie du Chien, in the Territory of Illinois, praying for a confirmation of their respective titles to town lots, and the tracts of land occupied by them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Pope also presented a petition of Archibald M'Donald, praying to be allowed and paid for his services as an ensign in captain Boone's company of Rangers.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. M'Kee.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what offices creat-

ed during the war, have become useless by the return of peace.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing all useless and unnecessary offices.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of disqualifying any person from holding two offices at the same time.

Resolved, That the said committe be instructed to inquire into the expediency of equalizing the pay and emoluments of the officers and persons employed in the Civil, Military, and Naval Departments of the government.

Mr. M'Kee, Mr. Ingham, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Atherton and Mr. Archer were appointed the said committee.

On Motion of Mr. Langdon,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be required to lay before this House, the annual expenditure of the Military Academy at West Point, from its commencement to this time: Also, the number of students who have annually entered or completed their education in said Academy: And also, what number of persons therein educated, are now retained in the army of the United States, and the offices in which they severally serve.

On motion of Mr. Breckenridge,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-road from Liberty, in Bedford county, to Salem, in Bottetourt county, State of Virginia.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill concerning the navigation of the United States; to which was committed the bill to prevent citizens of the United States from selling vessels of war to citizens or subjects

of any foreign power, and more effectually to prevent the arming and equipping vessels of war in the ports of the United States, intended to be used against nations in amity with the United States, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jackson reported the last-mentioned bill with amendments; but not having time to go through the several bills committed to this committee, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the residue of the bills.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 25, 1817.

Mr. Brown presented a deposition of Daniel Richards and Joshua Humphrey, stating the capture of the schooner Henry, while engaged in a fishing voyage on the coast Nova-Scotia, by a British brig of war, which was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. King, of Mass. presented a petition of Nathaniel Seavey, stating that during the late war with Great Britain, he with a certain Richworth Mason and Daniel Toby, captured three of the crew of a British ship of war and delivered them as prisoners of war, into the custody of the officer of the United States, and praying compensation therefor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Reed.

Ordered, That the petition of Eleazer Nickerson, presented on the 25th of March, 1816, be re-

ferred to the committee of Commerce and Manufacturs.

Mr. Wendover, presented a petition of James J. Ryan, a captain of volunteers in the service of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain, praying compensation for his services, and a reimbursement of his expenditures in raising and equipping his company, which has been refused to him, because he was at that time an alien.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Middleton presented a petition of William Smith, senior, confined in prison in Charleston, at the suit of the United States, praying to be discharged from his imprisonment; which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Middleton, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Cook, Mr. Chappell and Mr. Murfree, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Forsyth presented a petition of Christiana Hamilton and Samuel S. Hamilton, praying compensation for their property which was destroyed by the British forces on the capture of the city of Washington; the House in which they resided, being burned, because, as they believe, it was conceived by the enemy to be public property, or in the occupation of the public as an office.

Mr. Robertson presented petitions from Joseph M'Neil, and Berthelemy Duverges, respectively praying compensation for their property, which was used and consumed by the American troops during the military operations near New-Orleans, at the close of the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Clendennin presented a petition of Elisha Whittlesey, praying that eighteen thousand acres

of land, lying at or near the mouth of Carrying river on Lake Erie, may be granted to him and his associates, upon their completing a good and sufficient canal from the mouth of said river into Sandusky bay on said lake.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Roads and Canals.

Mr Lattimore presented a petition of Samuel Dale, stating that he purchased a quantity of coffee of a certain John Cornels, a half bred Creek Indian, which he transported by land into the State of Georgia, where it was seized, libelled, condemned and sold for a violation of the act imposing import duties, and alleging that he was ignorant of any such act, and praying such relief in the premises as Congress may think right and proper to grant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which were referred the petitions of Ezeziel Williams, John Heard, John M. Hendricks, Edwin Spafford, and Archibald Hayes, Ephraim Jones and John Full. reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duties therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill supplementary to an act, providing for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due to the United States.

Mr. Lowndes from the same committee, reported a bill respecting the assessment and collection of the direct tax; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill making provision for the redemption of the public debt.

Mr. Lowndes also reported a bill authorizing

the deposit of the papers of foreign vessels with the consul of their respective nations; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Lowndes also made a favourable report on the petitions of William Thornton and William Elliott, of the Patent Office; which was read and, together with the petitions, referred to the committee appointed on the 23d instant, upon the subject of Clerk's salaries.

Mr. Robertson from the committee on the Public Lands, to which were referred the resolutions of the legislature of the Territory of Missouri and the resolutions of the 11th and 19th ultimo, made a report thereon, which was read: When,

Mr. Robertson from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill making provision for the establishment of additional land offices in the Territory of Missouri, and for the final adjustment of claims to town and village lots therein; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Robertson from the same committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate, "for the relief of William Edwards," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole House last appointed.

Mr. Ingham, from the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, made a report on the petition of the American Bible Society, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a bill to amend the acts for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchant service, and for the relief of distressed and destitute American seamen in foreign ports;

which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House, on the bill concerning the navigation of the United States.

Ordered, That the committee on Foreign Affairs, be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of the merchants of Norfolk, Newburyport and Alexandria, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. Bateman, from the committee on Roads and Canals, reported a bill to regulate the laying out and making a road from the Ohio river, opposite where the Cumberland road strikes that river to the State of Indiana; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Ann Feran, and that it be referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the officers and crew of the brig Epervier.

Mr. Calhoun, from the committee to which was referred the resolution from the Senate, to employ John Trumbull to compose and execute certain paintings, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said resolution be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Wright submitted the following resolution, which was read, considered, and *rejected* by the House:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of relieving such citizens as have had their property destroyed, or so occupied by the enemy, as to render the same unprofitable, so far at least as relates to their taxes, or

such other relief as they may think proper, and to devise such means of obtaining correct information, so that the public may be secured from imposition, and the real sufferers relieved.

A message in writing was received from the President of t e United States, by Mr. Todd, his Secretary; which he delivered in at the Speaker's table, and withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee of the whole House, on the bill to prevent citizens of the United States, from selling vessels of war to citizens or subjects of any foreign power, and more effectually to prevent the arming and equipping vessels of war in the ports of the United States, intended to be used against nations in amity with the United States, and the amendments reported thereto by the said committee of the whole House being read at the Clerk's table, the first was rejected, and the second and third concurred in by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Parris, further to amend the said bill, by striking out the third section thereof.

And debate arising thereon,

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, January 27, 1817.

Ordered, That Mr. Irwin, of Pa. have leave of absence for six days.

Mr. Mason, presented a petition of the officers and soldiers of the Rhode-Island brigade in the revolutionary army, their heirs and representatives, praying compensation for the services of the said brigade.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of James Donaher, praying for a pension, and for the pay

due for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Moffett, presented on the 9th of February, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Boss presented a petition of Stephen T. Northam, John G. Whitehorn and Samuel Whitehorn, praying for the remission of a part of the duties imposed on their distillery as the said distillery was so injured by a storm and raising of the waters so to render it wholly useless.

Mr. Breckenridge presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Rockbridge, in Virginia, praying that certain forfeitures incurred by them in their distilling business may be remitted, and that discounts may be allowed to those whose distilleries were unemployed, and whose licenses had not expired on the 1st July last.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from the inhabitants of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr Condict presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of bar iron, in New-Jersey, praying that additional duties may be laid on that article imported in the United States.

Mr. Law presented a petition of Martin Warner, of Derby, in the State of Connecticut, praying to be allowed the bounty on a fishing voyage, denied him by the collector of the district of Fairfield, on account of an irregularity in the clearance of his vessel.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of Timothy Currin, praying compensation for the use of his house in Philadelphia, as an hospital, as also for

the damages sustained by the house during the said occupancy.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims

Mr. Alexander presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery, Miami, and Champaign counties in Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of William Gabriel, and Thomas Scott, and Elizabeth Bowles, praying that their title to a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition, together with the petitions of Gabriel Sojourner and David Thompson, presented on the 18th of November, 1811, be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Daniel Pettibone; which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Yancey also made a report on the petition of Alexander Holmes and Benjamin Hough, which was read: When,

Mr. Yancey reported a bill for the relief of Alexander Holmes and Benjamin Hough; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of Caze and Richaud.

Mr. Yancey also made a report on the petition of William Chism; which was read: When,

Mr. Yancey reported a bill for the relief William Chism; which was read the first and second

time and committed to a committee of the whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Yancey also made a report on the petition of Jonathan S. Smith; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Alexander, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Caleb Nichols; which was read: When,

Mr. Alexander reported a bill for the relief of Caleb Nichols; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief Caze and Richaud.

Mr. Alexander also made a report on the petition of Joseph J. Green; which was read: When,

Mr. Alexander reported a bill for the relief of Joseph J. Green; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Joshua Wilder, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Telfair, from the committee appointed on the petition of Jonas Fauche, who were instructed by resolution of the House to inquire into the claims of certain detachments of the militia of Georgia, for services performed during the year 1793 and 1794, by order of the executive of that State, under a discretionary power communicated by the War Department, made a detailed report on the said claims; which was read: When,

Mr. Telfair reported a bill to authorize the payment of certain militia claims of the State of Georgia; which was read the first and second

time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Friday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the moneys paid at the Treasury during the year 1816, for miscellaneous claims; a statement of contracts made under his direction on behalf of the United States, in the said year; and statements of purchases and payments for the temporary relief of sick and disabled seamen; which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Navy on the petition of Moses Tyron and Richard Law, Jr. which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Navy on the petition of William Farr and John Maxwell; which was read and referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

The message received on Saturday last, from the President of the United States, was read, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States:

I lay before Congress, copies of ratified treaties between the United States, and the following Indian tribes:

First—The Wea and Kickapoo.

Second—The United tribes of Ottawas, Chippawas and Potowotomies residing on the Illinois and Melwakee rivers and their waters, and on the south western parts of lake Michigan.

Third—That portion of the Winnebago tribe residing on the Ousconsin river.

Fourth—The Sacs of Rock river and the adjacent country.

Fifth—Eight bands of Siouxs, composing the three tribes called the Siouxs of the Leaf; the Siouxs of the Broad Leaf; and the Siouxs who shoot in the pine tops.

Sixth—The Chickasaw tribe of Indians.

Seventh—The Cherokee tribe of Indians.

Eighth—The Chacktaw tribe of Indians.

Congress will take into consideration how far legislative provisions may be necessary for carrying into effect stipulations contained in the said treaties.

JAMES MADISON.

January 25, 1817.

Ordered, That the said message and treaties be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Goldsborough submitted the following resolution; which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a port of entry at the town of Princess Anne, in Somerset county, in the State of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Comstock,

Resolved, That the Military committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, to remunerate those, who in the late war redeemed, by purchase, our captive officers and soldiers from the Indians, and making such provision as may be deemed expedient to redeem those now in captivity.

On motion of Mr. Calhoun,

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House to which is committed the resolution from the Senate, "to employ John Trumbull to compose and execute certain paintings," be discharged from the consideration of the same.

Ordered, That the said resolution be read a third time to-day.

The said resolution was, accordingly, read the third time, and being on its passage.

Mr. Taylor of N. Y. moved that it be postponed until Monday next.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Taylor, that the said resolution be recommitted to a select committee, with instructions to amend the same in such manner as to limit the expense of the said paintings.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken—"Shall this resolution pass?"

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....114 / Nays.....50 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Atherton,
Baer,
Baker,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Brown,
Bryan,
Cady,

Mr. Calhoun,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Chappell,
Cilley,
Clark, N. Y.
Clarke, N. C.
Clayton,
Condict,
Conner,
Cooper,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Darlington,
Davenport,

Mr. Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Gaston,
Gold,
Goldsborough,
Grosvenor,
Hale,
Hammond,
Harrison,
Henderson,
Herbert,
Hopkinson,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Love,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Marsh,
Mason,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Mr. Newton,
Noyes,
Peter,
Pickering,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Powell,
Randolph,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Rice,
Root,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Sheffey,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Md.
Stearns,
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Tate,
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Thomas,
Tyler,
Vose,
Ward, Ms.
Wendover,
Wheaton,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Willoughby,
Thos. Wilson,
Wright,
Yates.....114.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Mr. Archer,
Avery,

Mr. Barbour,
Bennett,
Blount,
Brooks,
Burwell,
Caldwell,
Cannon,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Cook,
Crawford,
Desha,
Forsyth,
Goodwyn,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hardin,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Hooks,
Johnson, Va.
Little,
Lyle,
Mr. Lyon,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Wm. Maclay,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Murfree,
Parris,
Piper,
Roane,
Robertson,
Ross,
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Wallace,
Ward, N. J.
Whiteside,
Williams,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey.....50.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the commissioner of the General Land Office, transmitting, (at the request of the chairman of the committee on the Public Lands,) reports numbered 3, 7, 12, and 14, of the land commissioners at Kaskaskia, on rejected claims, which were referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill entitled, "An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of Flavil Sabin, deceased," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the

bill to prevent citizens of the United States from selling vessels of war to the citizens and subjects of any foreign nation, and more effectually to prevent the arming and equipping vessels of war in the ports of the United States, intended to be used against nations in amity with the United States, and the question depending on Saturday to strike out the third section of the said bill, recurred: When,

On motion of Mr. Barbour,

The said third section was amended to read as follows:

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the collectors of the customs be, and they are hereby respectively authorized and directed to detain any vessel bound from the United States, of which the cargo shall principally consist of arms and munitions of war, when the number of men shipped on board, or other circumstances shall render it probable that there is an intention to violate the neutral obligations of the United States, to foreign governments, until the decision of the President be had thereupon, or until the owner enters into bond and security to the collector prior to clearing out the same, in double the amount of the vessel and cargo on board, including her armanent, that the said ship or vessel, shall not be employed by the owner or owners in cruising or committing hostilities upon the subjects, citizens or property, of any prince or state, with whom the United States are at peace.

And on the question—"Shall this section be striken out?"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....37 / Nays.....98 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Birdsall,
Blount,
Brooks,
Caldwell,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Comstock,
Condict,
Conner,
Cook,
Desha,
Gold,
Hammond,
Hooks,
Ingham,
Johnson, Va.
Mr. Kerr, Va.
Lyle,
Lyon,
Parris,
Robertson,
Root,
Ross,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Wallace,
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Wilkin,
Willoughby,
Wright,
Yancey,
Yates.....37.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Archer,
Atherton,
Baer,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Betts,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Brown,
Burwell,
Cady,
Calhoun,
Champion,
Chappell,
Cilley,
Clendennin,
Mr. Creighton,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Darlington,
Davenport,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Grosvenor,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hall,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Herbert,

Mr. Hopkinson,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Irving, N. Y.
Johnson, Ky.
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Little,
Lowndes,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Moseley.
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Newton,
Mr. Noyes,
Peter,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Pitkin,
Piper,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,
Ruggles,
Sheffey,
Smith, Penn.
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Strong,
Taylor, N. Y.
Telfair,
Townsend,
Tyler,
Vose,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. J.
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Williams,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward.....98.

A motion was made by Mr. Forsyth, to amend the second section of the bill, by striking out of the seventh line, the word "either" and from the word "owners" in the same line, to the word "in" in the ninth line, conforming the condition of the bond required by that section, to that required by the third section amended as aforesaid.

Aad then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 28, 1817.

Mr. Vose presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Mr. Caldwell presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Belmont, in the State of Ohio, also praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Irving, of N. Y. presented a petition of Henry Lee, merchant, of Boston; stating that subsequent to the operation of the act laying a new tariff on imports, he imported into New-York in a British ship, a quantity of goods from the British possessions in the East Indies, and praying that the said goods may not be charged with higher duties than if they had been imported in an American vessel.

Mr. Wm. P. Maclay presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of cast and wrought iron in Huntingdon county, in Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on those articles imported into the United States.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of sundry pilots for the Potomac river and Chesapeake bay, residing in Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying that the provisions of the act of the State of Maryland, passed in the year 1803, may be extended to the county of Alexandria in the said district, and that a Board of Wardens may be constituted to decide upon the qualifications of persons offering themselves as pilots.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Irving, of N. Y. presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Dutchess County Slate Company, in the State of New York, praying that the present *advalorem* duty upon foreign Slates may be discontinued; and that, in lieu thereof, a *specific* duty may be imposed on that article imported into the United States.

Mr. Smith, of Md. presented a petition of John Wilmot, praying that the duties paid into the Treasury on a cargo of merchandise imported into the United States in the year 1807, in the schooner Collector, may be refunded to him, as the Supreme Court of the United States have decided that duties were not payable on the said cargo.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of George Buckmaster, boat builder in the city of New-York, praying to be paid for a number of whale boats built for the service of the United States, in the late war with Great Britain, by order of general George Izard.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Bassett presented domuments in support of thn petition of captain Teakle Savage; which were referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Edwards presented a petition of Lavinia Hawkins, widow of Benjamin Hawkins, late agent for Indian affairs in the Creek nation, praying for a confirmation of the grant of the lands granted by the said Creek Indians to the said Benjamin Hawkins, his wife and children, at the treaty concluded with them by general Jackson on the 9th of August, 1814.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Harrison presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying that certain lands in said State ceded to the United States by the Indians, at the treaty of Greenville. and reserved, may be sold on the terms and conditions

on which other public lands of the United States are sold.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Wilde,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Carr, presented on the 18th January, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of Waterman Harris, praying for a grant of the land to which he conceives himself entitled for his services as a soldier in the late army, and that his present pension may be increased.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of William Hargrave, an officer of the revolutionary army, praying to be allowed and paid the commutation of half pay, to which he is entitled for his services as an officer aforesaid, and that some relief may be extended to him for his sufferings while in captivity, nearly six years, in a Spanish colony by the officers of that nation.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on that part of the estimates for the military service for the year 1817, which relates to the charge produced by brevet commissions; which was read: When,

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill respecting the pay and emoluments of certain officers of the army of the United States; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers.

Mr. Lowndes, from the same committee, also re-

ported a bill making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year 1817; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill making appropriations for support of the government for the year 1817.

Mr. Lowndes also made reports on the petitions of Daniel S. Dexter, Jesse Hunt, Jacob Davey and Robert Mauck; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Daniel S. Dexter ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Jesse Hunt ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Jacob Davey ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Robert Mauck ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, from the committee appointed in the petition of Francis Le Barron, reported by leave of the House, a bill authorizing the opening and working copper mines on lake Superior; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. from the committee appointed on the petition of John Bate, reported, by leave of the House, a bill for the relief John Bate; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Saturday next.

Mr. Moseley, from the committee appointed on the petition of Andrew Law, reported by leave of the House, a bill to extend the patent granted to Andrew Law for an improvement in the mode

of printing music; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Saturday next.

Mr. Gaston, from the committee appointed on the 20th instant, on the memorial of the Legislature, of the State of North-Carolina, made a detailed report thereon; which was read: When,

Mr. Gaston reported a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act to authorize the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to vacant and unapproriated lands within the same; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Gaston from the same committee to which had been referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Blount county, in Tennessee, made a report thereon, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to prevent citizens of the United States from selling vessels of war to the citizens or subjects of any foreign power, and more effectually to prevent the arming and equipping vessels of war in the ports of the United States, intended to be used against nations in amity with the United States, and the question depending yesterday on the amendment proposed by Mr. Forsyth to the second section recurred: When,

The said second section was read as follows:

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the owners of all armed ships, sailing out of the ports of the United States,

and owned wholly or in part by citizens thereof, shall enter into bond to the collector, with sufficient security, prior to the clearing out the same, in double the amount of the value of the vessel and cargo on board, including her armament, that the said ship or vessel shall not be employed *either* by the owners *or by any person to whom they may sell, or pretend to sell the same*, in cruising or committing hostilities upon the subjects, citizens, or property of any power, or state, with whom the United States are at peace.

A motion was made by Mr. Dickens, to extend the amendment of Mr. Forsyth, so as to embrace "*by the owners*," which motion was rejected by the House.

The amendment proposed yesterday by Mr. Forsyth, to the said second section, was then agreed to by the House.

The first section of the said bill, is in the following words:

SEC. 1. *Be it further enacted*, That if any citizen of the United States shall, within the limits of the same, fit out and arm, or attempt to fit out and arm, or procure to be fitted out and armed, or shall knowingly aid or be concerned in the fitting out and arming any private ship or vessel of war, or sell the said vessel, or contract for the sale of the said vessel to be delivered in the United States, *or elsewhere*, to the purchaser, with intent or previous knowledge that the said vessel shall, or will be employed to cruise or commit hostilities upon the subjects, citizens, or property, of any prince or state with whom the United States are at peace, such persons so offending shall, on conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and imprisonment not exceeding ten years, and the trial of such offence shall either be in the district of the United States, wherein the vessel was fitted out and armed, or in that wherein the contract of sale was made.

A motion was made by Mr. Calhoun, to amend the said section, by striking out the words "*or elsewhere.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Ward, of Mass. to amend the fourth section by inserting after the word "*vessel*" where it first occurs, the words "*owned by a belligerant,*" and after the word vessel where it occurs the second time, the words "*owned as aforesaid.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Ingham, to strike out the word "*ten*" between the words *exceeding* and *dollars* in the first section, and in lieu thereof to insert the word "*five,*" which motion was rejected by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr Ross, to strike out from the second section the word "*double,*" which motion was also rejected.

Mr. Randolph moved to amend the third section, by striking out the word "*principally,*" and in lieu thereof, to insert "*in whole or in part.*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Wright to add to the bill, the following section:

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That any ship or vessel sailing out of the United States, under the license of any foreign minister, shall be liable to confiscation and condemnation to the use of the United States.

And on the question—"Shall this section be added to the bill?"

It was determined in the negative.

The said bill being further amended.

The question was then taken—"Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?"

And passed in the affirmative. { Yeas.....94 / Nays.....60 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Archer,
Atherton,
Baer,
Baker,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Birdseye,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Breckenridge,
Brown,
Burwell,
Cady,
Champion,
Chappell,
Cilley,
Condict,
Cooper,
Culpepper,
Darlington,
Davenport,
Edwards,
Findley,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Gold,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hall,
Hardin,

Mr. Heister,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Hopkinson,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Hungerford,
Jackson,
Jewett,
Kent,
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Lyon,
Marsh,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moseley,
Murfree,
Jer. Nelson,
Newton,
Noyes,
Peters,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,

Mr. Ruggles,
Sheffey,
Smith, Penn.
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Taylor, N. Y.
Mr. Telfair,
Townsend,
Vose,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Williams,
Woodward,
Yancey.....94.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Alexander,
Barbour,
Bennett,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Blount,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Caldwell,
Calhoun,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Clendennin,
Conner,
Cook,
Crawford,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Desha,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Hammond,
Harrison,
Henderson,
Ingham,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Kerr, Va.
Mr. Little,
Love,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,
Moore,
Hugh Nelson,
Parris,
Piper,
Powell,
Reynolds,
Robertson,
Root,
Ross,
Savage,
Sharp,
Taul,
Thomas,
Tyler,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Wilkin,
Wm. Wilson,
Wright,
Yates.....60.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate "authorizing the settlement of the accounts of Flavil Sabin," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 29, 1817.

Another member, to wit: from the State of Ohio, James Kilbourn, appeared, produced his credentials and took his seat; the oath to support the constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Hulbert presented a petition of the Berkshire Association for the promotion of agriculture and Mannfactures, in Massachusetts, praying that the aid of the national government may be extended to the promotion of the interests of agriculture and manufactures, either by the establishment of a national board, or by such other measures as in the wisdom of Congress may seem meet and proper; which petition was ordered to be referred to a select committee: And;

Mr. Hulbert, Mr. Gold, Mr. Pleasants, Mr. Telfair and Mr. W. P. Maclay were appointed the said committee.

Mr Wendover presented a petition of the American Society for the encouragement of domestic manufactures, representing the depressed and distressed condition of the manufacturing establishments throughout the United States, and praying that the duties imposed by the new tariff may be made permament—that the importation of cotton manufactures from places beyoud the Cape of Good Hope may be prohibited—that further

and more efficient provisions may be adopted to prevent smuggling, false invoices and other frauds on the revenue—that a duty of 10 per cent. be laid on auction sales of foreign goods—and that such additional aid and protection may be extended to them generally, as will place them beyond that foreign influence which aims at their destruction.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of Catharine Robertson, late the widow of Jacob Ritter, praying compensation for supplies furnished by the said Jacob Ritter to the revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Md. presented a petition of Zebulon Hollingsworth, stating that a judgment was irregularly and improperly obtained against him at the suit of the United States, and that he is now in confinement under said judgment, and praying that he may be released from his confinement; that the said judgment may be rescinded and that he may be permitted to plead the general issue; by which course alone, he states that he can obtain that justice which is the right of every American citizen.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Speaker presented a petition of the second convention of the Manumission Society of Tennessee, praying that the objects of their association may be taken into the serious consideration of Congress, and that such aid may be afforded to them as may be within the constitutional powers of the

general government; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson presented petitions of Jacques Villerie, Antonio Bienvenue and Peter Lacoste, respectively stating that a considerable number of their negro slaves were carried out of the United States by the British army upon its retreat from the neighbourhood of New-Orleans, and praying such relief in the premises as Congress may think proper to grant.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of State.

Mr Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of Robert Burnside; which was read: When,

Mr. Lowndes reported a bill for the relief of Robert Burnside; which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill supplementary to the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt.

Mr Lowndes, from the same committee, which were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation to satisfy the claims of the friendly Creek Indians, whose property was plundered by the hostile Creeks, in consequence of their attachment to the United States, made a report thereon; which was read: When,

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Mr. Robertson, from the committee on Public Lands, made a report on the petition of William Miller and others, which was read: When,

Mr. Robertson reported a bill confirming the title of Miller and Futton to a tract of land on the Bayou Boeuff, in the State of Louisiana; which

was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the location of the lands reserved by treaty to certain chiefs and warriors of the Creek nation of Indians.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of William Daniel; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made reports on the petitions of Christiana Ulmer, Sarah Athenson and Robert Mitchell; which were read and the resolutions therein contained, were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Christiana Ulmer be *rejected*.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Sarah Athenson ought to be *rejected*.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Robert Mitchell is *unsupported* and ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Chappell also made unfavourable reports on the applications of Thomas Edwards and Armstead Whitehead for pensions; which were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chappell, from the same committee, also reported a bill concerning invalid pensioners; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of changing the post-route from Greensburgh to Indiana in Pennsylvania, so that a

general government; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

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On motion of Mr. Findley,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of changing the post-route from Greensburgh to Indiana in Pennsylvania, so that a

post-office may be established at the great salt works on Connemack river.

On motion of Mr. Atherton,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from the town of Groton, in Massachusetts, through the towns of Pepperell and Holles to the town of Amherst, in New-Hampshire.

On motion of Mr. Sheffey,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-road from the Boat-Yard in Sullivan county, Tennessee, to Scott Court-House, in Virginia.

Mr. Peter submitted the following resolution; which was read and *rejected:*

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of George N. Thomas, in the service of the House of Representatives, with powers to send for persons and papers.

An engrossed bill to prevent citizens of the United States from selling vessels of war to citizens or subjects of any foreign power, and more effectually to prevent the arming and equipping vessels of war in the ports of the United States, intended to be used against nations in amity with the United States; was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be "An act more effectually to preserve the neutral relations of the United States," and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House to which have been committed the bill to prohibit all commercial intercourse with ports or

places into or with which the vessels of the United States are not ordinarily permitted to enter and trade; and the bill to amend the acts for the government and regulation of seamen in the merchant service; and for the relief of distressed and destitute American seamen in foreign ports; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Breckenridge reported the first-mentioned bill with an amendment, but that the committee not having time to go through the whole order, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the residue of the said order.

The amendment reported to the first-mentioned bill was then read and concurred in by the House: And,

Mr. Lowndes moved further to amend the bill by the addition of five sections.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 30, 1817.

Mr. Bradbury presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Portland, in the District of Maine, complaining of the loss in a great degree of their foreign commerce occasioned by the recent commercial restrictions adopted by sundry foreign nations and praying that such measures may be adopted at the present session of Congress, as will ensure to the people of the United States, their due participation in the commerce of the world.

Ordered, That the said petiton be referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill to prohibit all commercial intercourse with ports or

places into, or with which the vessels of the United States are not ordinarily permitted to enter and trade.

Mr. Reed presented a petition of William Gray and Joshua Eldridge, praying to be allowed the bounty on a fishing voyage, which is withheld from them in consequence of the wreck of their vessel and the consequent loss of her papers.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of New-York, on behalf of the manufacturing interest in the United States, praying to the same effect with the petition presented yesterday from the American Manufacturing Society.

Mr. Condict presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of bar iron in New-Jersey, praying that additional duties may be imposed on iron imported into the United States

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Gold presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Oneida, Oswego, Cayuga, Ontario and Genessee, in the State of New-York,

Mr. M'Lean presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Greenville, in Kentucky, and of Shawnee town, in the Illinois Territory, respectively praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Jonathan Lawrence, merchant of the city of New-York, praying a remission of the forfeiture of a vessel and cargo for an alleged breach of the act prohibiting commercial intercourse with Great Britain and her dependencies, for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Brooks presented a petition of Hugh Howell and Isaac B. Tyler, praying compensation for provisions furnished troops of the United States, during the invasion of the Niagara frontier by the enemy during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. M'Coy.

Ordered, That the order of this House of the 8th instant, referring the petition of Moses M'Clintie to the Secretary of War, be rescinded, and that the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Forsyth presented a petition of the Columbian Institute for the promotion of the arts and sciences, praying for a grant of a portion of the public ground within the city of Washington, known on the plat of said city, by the name of the Mall, to enable the said Institute to establish a botanical garden, and to carry into effect the other objects of their association.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of Edwin Lewis, legal representative of John Kennedy, praying for a donation right to a tract of land therein described, instead of a pre-emption right which he already holds; for the reasons stated in his petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That Daniel Pettibone have leave to withdraw his petition and papers presented on the 12th December, 1816.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-road from Harrison county court-house, by the court-house of Lewis county, to Mason county court-house in Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the Military committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting the bounty of 160 acres of land, to all the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the army, who, having been enlisted previously to the 24th of December, 1811, are not entitled under existing laws to the said bounty, but who have faithfully served to the close of the late war, and obtained an honourable discharge.

On motion of Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting or securing to the town of St. Louis, in the Missouri Territory, as a common, all the sand bar or batture, formed by the recession of the Mississippi river between the said town and low water mark, and to prohibit the location of any floating claim in the said Territory thereon, or if any location should have been made, to prohibit by law, the issuing of a patent therefor.

Resolved, also, that the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law, the location of any floating claim on any lands in the Territory of Missouri, the right of pre-emption to which land, has been secured to any settler by the act of the 12th of April, 1814, or if any such location should have been made, to prohibit by law, the issuing of a patent therefor.

Resolved, also, that the committee on the Pub-

lic Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law, the location of any floating claim in the Territory of Missouri, on any lands the right, title, or claim to which has been at any time heretofore given notice of, or filed with either of the boards of commissioners in said Territory, or with the recorder of land titles, acting as such, under any law of Congress, for the adjustment of land titles in said Territory, or if any such location should have been made, to prohibit by law, the issuing of patents therefor.

Resolved, also, that the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law, the location of any floating claim in the Territory of Missouri, on any town lot, village lot, out lot, or common field lot, or commons, in, adjoining or appertaining to any of the towns, or villages in the Territory of Missouri, or if any such location shall have been made, to prohibit by law, the issuing of patents therefor.

Ordered, That the bill concerning the navigation of the United States, be recommitted to the committee of the whole House, to which has been referred the bill to prohibit all commercial intercourse with the ports or places into, or with which the vessels of the United States are not ordinarily permitted to enter and trade.

The House again resolved itself into the committee of the whole, to which was committed the bill to prohibit commercial intercouse with ports or places into, or with which the vessels of the United States are not ordinarily permitted to enter and trade; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Breckenridge reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, have leave to sit again on the said order.

Mr. Jackson submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That there shall be appointed by the Speaker, for the present session and at the commencement of each ensuing session of Congress, three clerks of committees, to be assigned to such standing committees as he may designate, with such daily compensation during the sessions as he shall prescribe, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 31, 1817.

Mr. Carr presented a petition of Park Holland, confined in prison at Castine, in the District of Maine, at the suit of the United States, praying to be released from his said confinement.

Mr. Birdseye presented documents in support of the claim of Asa Wells.

Ordered, That the said petition and documents be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Betts presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of New-York, in behalf of the manufacturers of domestic goods; which was referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Irving, of N. Y. presented a document in support of an application of Frederick P. Stevenson to be placed on the pension list; which were referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Little presented a petition of Henry Weist, praying compensation for carrying the mail from the city of Baltimore, in Maryland, to Carlisle, in

Pennsylvania, during one year ending on the 30th September, 1804.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Post-Master-General.

The Speaker presented a petition of John Smith, stating that he enlisted as a soldier in the army during the late war with Great Britain, to serve until a *ratification* of a treaty of peace; that he continued in the discharge of his duties for some months after the ratification of the treaty of peace, when he obtained a furlough with directions to return in six days; and that, before the expiration of that time, he had an advantageous offer to engage in the business of civil life; which he accepted and did not return to his company as directed, in consequence of which he is denied his pay and land bounty, and praying relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill entitled "an act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts," in which they ask the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time and committed to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to the office of attorney-general, and to the establishment of an additional department.

Mr. Chappel, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Winthrop Sargeant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

Mr. Chappell also made a report on the application of captain Lewis Joseph Beaulieu, transmitted through the War Department; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That Lewis J. Beaulieu have leave to withdraw his papers.

Mr. Chappell also made a report on the petition of Bernard Gaines; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Sophia D. Gardner, and that it be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Wheaton,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to consider the expediency of so far altering the post-route from Boston to Providence, so that it shall pass through the town of Wrentham, instead of Foxborough; and of extending the post-route from Taunton to Foxborough as far as Wrentham.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Catlettsburgh at the mouth of Big Sandy by Little Sandy Salt Works, Isle's Mills, Owingsville and the mouth of Bald Eagle to Paris.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the President and Directors of the Washington Canal Company of the amount of their receipts and expenditures, from the commencement of their operations; made in obedience to a requisition of

their charter; which report was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him yesterday for the appointment of clerks to commi tees, and the same being again read was rejected by the House.

Mr. Lowndes laid before the House a correspondence between himself, as chairman of the committee of Ways and Means, and the Acting Secretary of War, in relation to the expenditures and appropriations for the ordnance and quarter-master-general's departments, which were ordered to lie on the table.

Another message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill entitled, "an act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the State of Indiana;" and a bill entitled, "an act to enable the people of the western part of the Mississippi Territory, to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States," in which bills they ask the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill entitled, "an act to repeal after the close of the present session of Congress the act entitled, 'An act to change the mode of compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the delegates from Territories,' passed the 19th day of March, 1816."

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to prohibit all commercial intercourse with ports and places into, or with which the vessels of the United States are not ordinarily permitted to enter and

trade; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Breckenridge reported that the committee had made further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his Secretary, which was read, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of
Representatives of the United States:

The envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of his most christian majesty, having renewed, under special instructions from his government, the claim of the representative of Caron de Beaumarchais, for one million of livres, which were debited to him in the settlement of his accounts with the United States, I lay before Congress copies of the memoir on that subject, addressed by the said envoy to the Secretary of State.

Considering that the sum of which the million of livres in question made a part, was a gratuitous grant from the French government to the United States, and the declaration of that goverement that that part of the grant was put into the hands of M. de Beaumarchais as its agent, not as the agent of the United States, and was duly accounted for by him to the French government; considering also, the concurring opinions of two attorneys-general of the United States, that the said debit was not legally sustainable in behalf of the United States. I recommend the case to the favourable attention of the Legislature, whose authority alone can finally decide on it.

JAMES MADISON.

January 31, 1817.

Ordered, That the message and accompanying documents be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Ordered, That the Secretary of War have permission to withdraw such part of the papers accompanying the message of the President, transmitting the proceedings of the commissioner under the act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, during the late war, as consists of the accounts adjudicated by the said commissioner.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 1, 1817.

Mr. Ruggles presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Foxboro', in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. William Maclay presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of iron in Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be laid on iron imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Yancey presented a petition of John Rose, senior, block maker in the navy yard at the city of Washington, praying compensation for a large collection of drawings, models, and tools, which were destroyed by the burning of the buildings in the said yard in August, 1814, by order of the Secretary of the Navy.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Robertson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of that part of Louisiana, known by the name of West-Florida, praying that further, more general and equitable principles may be adopted for the adjustment of land titles in thier section of country.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Mine-a-Breton, praying to be placed on the same footing with other towns and villages, with respect to their town, out lots, and commons.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the final adjustment of claims to town and village lots in the Territory of Missouri.

Mr. Pope also presented a resolution of the legislature of the Territory of Missouri, requesting that additional duties may be imposed on crude lead, imported into the United States, and that additional regulations may be adopted with respect to the working of the lead mines in that Territory.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pope also presented another resolution of the legislature of the said Territory, requesting that measures may be adopted for the extinguishment of the title of the Quapau Indians to lands on the Arkansaw and Red rivers.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the Secretary of War.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Timothy Curren; and that it lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson from the committee on the Pub-

lic Lands, made a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Illinois Territory, on behalf of James Blue; which was read and the resolution thereon contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Middleton, from the committee appointed on the petition of William Smith, sen. of Charleston, South Carolina, made a report; which was read: When,

Mr. Middleton reported a bill for the relief of William Smith, sen. which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of John Thompson.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Samuel H. Harper; which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The bill from the Senate "to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the State of Indiana," was read the first and second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate "to enable the people of the western part of the Mississippi Territory to form a Constitution and State Government; and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill of this House of the same title.

On motion of Mr. Avery,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into

the expediency of placing Ezra Craine and Robert Lyon, of Cayuga county, in the State of New-York, on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Sharp,

Resolved, That the committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making some alteration in the boundaries of the land district of Edwardsville, in the Illinois Territory.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of selling section No. 16, in township No. 4 north, and range No. 1 west, in the Illinois Territory.

The House again resolved itself into the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill to prohibit all commercial intercourse with ports or places into, or with which, the vessels of the United States are not ordinarily permitted to enter and trade; and the bill concerning the navigation of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Breckenridge reported the said bills with amendments to each, and not having time to go through the other bill committed to them, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again.

The amendments to the first-mentioned bill were read at the Clerk's table, and, together with the bill, ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments to the first-mentioned bill were read, the first of which, is as follows:

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That after the 30th day of September next, the bounties and allowances now allowed by law to the owners of boats or vessels, engaged in the fisheries, shall be paid only on boats or vessels, the

crews of which, or at least three-fourths thereof, shall be proved to the satisfaction of the collector of the district where such boat or vessel shall belong, to be citizens of the United States, or persons not subjects of any foreign prince or state.

A motion was made by Mr Forsyth, further to amend the same by striking out "*or at least three-fourths thereof.*"

And on the question to strike out these words,

There appeared { Yeas.....71
Nays.....71

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Alexander,
Avery,
Barbour,
Bennett,
Betts,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cady,
Cannon,
Chappell,
Clarke, N. C.
Cook,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Darlington,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards.
Fletcher,
Mr. Forsyth,
Gold,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Heister,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Hooks,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Kerr, Va.
Kilbourn,
King,
Little,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,

Mr. Miller,
Newton,
Parris,
Pickens,
Piper,
Pleasants,
Savage,
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Thomas,
Mr. Townsend,
Wallace
Ward, N. Y.
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Williams,
Willoughby,
Wm. Wilson,
Thos. Wilson,
Woodward.....71.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Archer,
Atherton,
Baer,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Birdseye,
Breckenridge,
Brown,
Calhoun,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Cilley
Conner,
Crawford,
Davenport,
Findley,
Gaston,
Goodwyn,
Hale,
Hammond,
Hawes,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Jewett,
Langdon,
Law,
Lowndes,
Lyon,
Marsh,
Mr. M'Kee,
Middleton,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moore,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson.
Noyes,
Peter,
Pickering,
Pitkin,
Randolph,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Rice,
Root,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Sheffey,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Md.
Stearns,
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Taul,

Mr. Taylor, N. Y.
Tyler,
Vose,
Ward, Ms.
Wendover,
Mr. Wilkin,
Wright,
Yancey,
Yates.....71.

The House being equally divided,

The Speaker voted in the negative, and so the amendment did not prevail.

The amendments to the said bill being further amended, they were again read at the Clerk's table and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of Samuel Dale, which was ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 3, 1816.

Mr. Parris presented a petition of sundry merchants and other inhabitants of Bath, in the District of Maine, complaining of the operations of the recent regulations of some of the European nations in relation to their colonial trade, by which they are deprived of their usual and just participation in foreign commerce, and praying that such countervailing regulations may be adopted in the premises as will remedy the evils of which they complain; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pitkin presented a similar petition from the merchants and other inhabitants of the city and county of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. presented a petition of

sundry manufacturers of bar iron in the State of New-York, praying that additional duties may be imposed on foreign iron imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Brooks presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Victor, in the State of New-York, in opposition to the practice of opening and transporting the mails on Sundays; which was referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from the town of Southampton in Massachusetts.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of "The Pennsylvania Society for promoting the abolition of slavery, the relief of free negroes unlawfully held in bondage, and for improving the condition of the African race, praying that further measures may be adopted for the protection of the rights of free negroes.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to the African slave trade.

Mr. Wm. Wilson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the village of Meadsville and its vicinity, in the county of Bradford, and State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Darlington presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, complaining of the many and great impositions to which they are subjected, in consequence of the number of unjust, absurd and frivolous *patents* which have been granted to a set of speculators, and praying that

additional restrictions may be imposed on the issuing of patents.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Chappell presented a petition of William Young, praying for an increase of his pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of J. Remson, Holmes & Co. merchants, of the city of Natchez, in the Mississippi Territory, praying for a remission of the duties secured by them to be paid in New Orleans, on a cargo of merchandise imported therein, which said merchandise was accidentally destroyed by fire on its passage from New-Orleans to Natchez; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of claims, to which was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "an act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of Flavil Sabin, deceased," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Caze and Richaud.

Mr. Yancey, from the same committee, made detailed reports on the petitions of Peter Caslard, Jumonville de Villiers, Madame Montrieul, John de Castanado, James H. Boisgervais and Antoine Bienvenue; which said reports were severally read: When,

Mr. Yancey reported the following bills, to wit:

A bill for the relief of Peter Caslard.

A bill for the relief of Jumonville de Villiers.

A bill for the relief of Madame Montrieuil.

A bill for the relief of John de Castanado.
A bill for the relief of Antoine Bienvenue. And
A bill for the relief of James H. Boisgervais

Which said bills were severally read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Caze and Richaud.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which have been referred the petitions of Samuel Black, the heirs of Geo. Nebinger, deceased, John Dent, John Armstrong, Maria S. Tyson, Nancy Armon, Sylvanus Townsend, and Asa Lyon, reported a bill authorizing the payment of the principal and interest due on the loan-office certificates therein named; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill from the Senate for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter deceased.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was committed the bill from the Senate entitled, "an act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the State of Indiana," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Harrison submitted the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That that a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and if any, what amendments are necessary to the constituton of the United States, to enable the government thereof to adopt such a system of military instruction and discipline for the militia, as to make it a safe and effectual national defence.

On motion of Mr. Yancey,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the duty imposed on foreign spirits.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of goods, wares and merchandise exported from the United States, during the year ending on the 30th day of September, 1816, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from Samuel Lane, commissioner of the public buildings in the city of Washington, enclosing an estimate of the sums wanting to complete the enclosing and graduating the Capitol square, which were read and referred to the committee on the public buildings.

An engrossed bill entitled, "An act concerning the navigation of the United States," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed bills from this House, of the following titles, to wit: An act to amend an act entitled, An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Joseph Stewart and others; An act for the relief of Henry Malcolm; and An act to explain the Act to authorize certain officers and other persons to administer oaths, approved May the 3d, 1798, with amendments to the latter. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit: An act directing the discharge of William Smith from imprisonment; An act making an appropriation to

enable the President of the United States, to hold treaties with the Indian tribes for the purpose therein mentioned; An act providing for the division of certain quarter sections in future sales of the public lands; and An act for the relief of John Haslet; in which amendments and bills they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Smith of Md. presented a petition of Charles Wirgman, praying that the duties paid by him on the importation of a quantity of copper bolts, may be remitted, as the supreme court of the United States, have decreed that copper bolts are not subject to import duty under existing laws.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Crawford, from the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill entitled, "An act to repeal, after the close of the present session of Congress, the act entitled, 'An act to change the mode of compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the delegates from Territories,' passed on the 19th day of March, 1816." Also a resolution to employ John Trumbull, to compose and execute certain paintings, and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into the committee of the whole, to which is committed the several bills to incorporate the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Georgetown, the Central Bank of Georgetown and Washington. the Union Bank of Alexandria, the Patriotic Bank of Washington, the Bank of the Metropolis, and the Franklin Bank of Alexandria, as also the bill to

extend the charters of certain Banks in the District of Columbia, and the bill to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered Banks in the District of Columbia, being called, a motion was made by Mr. Randolph to discharge the committee of the whole House from a further consideration thereof, and that the said bills, except the last mentioned, be postponed indefinitely.

A division of the question was called for,

And being taken on the first member, to wit:—"Shall the committee of the whole House be discharged from a further consideration of the said bills?"

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....91 / Nays.....55 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Alexander,
Archer,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Betts,
Boss,
Brown,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Calhoun,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Chappell,
Cilley,
Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Condict,
Mr. Conner,
Cook,
Crawford,
Darlington,
Davenport,
Desha,
Edwards,
Findley,
Forney,
Goldsborough,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hall,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Hooks,
Hopkinson,
Ingham,
Johnson, Va.
Kilbourn,
King,

Mr. Langdon,
Law,
Little,
Love,
Lyle,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,
Miller,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Pickens,
Piper,
Randolph,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Mr. Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Savage,
Schenck,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Va.
Strong,
Taul,
Telfair,
Thomas,
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Williams,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey.....91.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Atherton,
Avery,
Baer,
Baker,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Brooks,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Comstock,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Gold,
Goodwyn,
Harrison,
Hawes,
Herbert,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Mr. Kerr, Va.
Lewis,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyon,
Milnor,
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Newton,
Peter,
Pickering,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Rice,
Robertson,
Ruggles,
Sheffey,
Southard,
Stearns,
Stuart,
Tallmadge,
Taylor, N. Y.

Mr. Taylor, S. C.
Townsend,
Wendover,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Mr. Willoughby,
Tho. Wilson,
Wright,
Yates.....55.

The question was then taken on the second member of the motion, to wit:—"Shall the bills aforesaid, except the bill to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered Banks in the District of Columbia, be postponed indefinitely?"

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....77 / Nays.....64 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Alexander,
Archer,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Betts,
Boss,
Brown,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Calhoun,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Chappell,
Cilley,
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Condict,
Cook,
Crawford,
Mr. Darlington,
Desha,
Edwards,
Forney,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hall,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Hooks,
Hopkinson,
Ingham,
Johnson, Va.
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Little,
Lyle,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
Miller,

Mr Moore,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Parris,
Pickens,
Piper,
Randolph,
Reed,
Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Savage,
Schenck,
Smith, Penn.
Smith, Va.
Mr. Strong,
Taul,
Telfair,
Thomas,
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Williams,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward.....77.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr Atherton,
Avery,
Baer,
Baker,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Brooks,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Comstock,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Forsyth,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Harrison,
Hawes,
Herbert,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Kerr, Va.
Kilbourn,
Lewis,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Mr. Lyon,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Newton,
Peter,
Pickering,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Reynolds,
Rice,
Robertson,
Ruggles,
Sharp,
Sheffey,
Southard,
Stearns,
Stuart,
Tallmadge,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Townsend,
Ward, Ms.
Wendover,
Wilde,

Mr. Wilkin,	Mr. Wright,
Willoughby,	Yancey,
Thos. Wilson,	Yates.....64.

Ordered, That the bill to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered Banks in the District of Columbia, do lie on the table.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his Secretary. as follows:

To the Senate and
House of Representatives of the United States:

The government of Great Britain induced by the posture of the relations with the United States, which succeeded the conclusion of the recent commercial convention, issued an order on the 17th day of August, 1815, discontinuing the discriminating duties payable in British ports on American vessels and their cargoes. It was not until the 22d of December following, that a corresponding discontinuance of discriminating duties on British vessels, and their cargoes, in American ports, took effect, under the authority vested in the executive, by the act of March, 1816. During the period between those two dates there was, consequently, a failure of reciprocity or equality in the existing regulations of the two countries. I recommend to the consideration of Congress, the expediency of paying to the British government the amount of the duties remitted, during the period in question, to the citizens of the United States, subject to a deduction of the amount of whatever discriminating duties may have commenced in British ports after the signature of that convention, and been collected, previous to the 17th of August, 1815.

JAMES MADISON.

February. 3d, 1817

The said message was read and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 4, 1817.

Mr. Vose presented petitions from the inhabitants of the towns of Henniker, Pembroke, Concord and Epsom, in the State of New-Hampshire, praying that the mails may not be transported or opened on Sundays.

Mr. Champion presented a similar petition from sundry inhabitants of the State of Connecticut.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on a like petition from the inhabitants of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Baylies presented a petition of Alexander Gardner, praying for an increase of his pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Langdon,

Ordered, That the petition of Seth Abbott, presented on the 15th December, 1815, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Davenport presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of New-Canaan and Stamford, in Connecticut,

Mr. Wm. P. Maclay, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Huntingdon and Mifflin in Pennsylvania,

Mr. Baer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western parts of the States of Maryland and Pennsyivania, respectively praying for the establishment of post-routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Wm. P. Maclay presented a petition from sundry manufacturers of iron in the county of Huntingdon and State of Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on iron imported into the United States.

Mr. Schenck presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of New-York on behalf of the domestic manufacturers within the United States.

Mr. Schenck also presented a similar petition from the merchants of the said city of New-York.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of commerce and manufacturers.

Mr. Roane presented a petition of Lawrence Muse, late collector of the customs for the District of Tappahannock, in the State of Virginia, praying to be allowed further time to pay to the United States a balance found to be due on the settlement of his accounts.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Tate presented a petition of sundry distillers in Berkeley county, Virginia, praying for a remission of a part of the duties secured by them to be paid on their distilleries, *in consequence of the almost entire failure of the corn crops of* 1816.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duties thereon mentioned.

Mr. Burwell presented the petition of Madam Renaut Maynard de Pancemont, heiress of Philip Renaut, former director of the mines of Louisiana, and of her husband John Baptiste Francois Maynard de Pancemont, first president of the royal court of Nismes in France, by Philip Morcier, their agent, praying for a confirmation of their title to a tract of land lying in the Territory of Illinois.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That the petition of the heirs of Hiram Sweazy, deceased, by Alexander Montgomery, their agent, presented on the 11th of November, 1811, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Johnson of Ky. presented a petition of Joseph Mims and Hannah Mims, administrator and administratrix of the estate of Samuel Mims, deceased, praying to be paid for the property of their intestate, destroyed by by the Indians during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Alexander presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Ohio, requesting the passage of a law, giving to the inhabitants on the reservation at Lower Sandusky, the pre-emption right to such part or portion of said reservation as will secure to them their most valuable improvements; which resolution was read and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which have been referred the petitions of the manufacturers of umbrellas in Philadelphia, Boston, and New-York; and the petition of sundry merchants and coppersmiths in Boston, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, who ask that "*plate, braziers' and still copper*" be exempt from duty, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Lowndes, from the same committee, also made reports on the petitions of Edward Cheeseborough, Lowry and Gallowway, and Margaret

Houtchins; which were read, and the resolutions there in contained, were concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Edward Cheeseborough, ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Lowry and Galloway ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Margaret Houtchins ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill respecting the ransom of American captives of the late war; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of infirm, disabled and superannuated officers and soldiers.

Mr. Johnson from the same committee, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of educating at the military academy at West Point, the sons of those officers and soldiers who have fallen in battle while in the service of the United States, made a report thereon, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee on Indian Affairs, made a report respecting the amount of capital employed in trade with the Indians, which was read: When,

Mr. Thomas reported a bill to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to exclude foreigners from a participation therein; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of certain sufferers during the late war, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be committed to the committee of

the whole House on the bill for the relief of infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers.

On motion of Mr. Pope,

Resolved, That the committee on Military Affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of paying the officers of the general staff of governor Edwards, while in the service of the United States, in the year 1812.

On motion of Mr. Ormsby,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law, Louisville, in the State of Kentucky, a port of entry and delivery.

On motion of Mr. Taul,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the post-route from Danville, in Kentucky, by Casey court-house, Pulaskie court-house, Wayne court-house, Burksville and Columbia to Danville, and to establish in lieu thereof, a post-route from Danville, by Liberty and Somerset, to Monticello, from Monticello, by Burksville to Glasgow, and to extend the present route from Greensburgh, by Columbia to Burksville.

The bill from Senate directing the discharge of William Smith from imprisonment, was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill of this House of the same title.

The bill from the Senate making an appropriation to enable the President of the United States to hold treaties with the Indian tribes for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the first and second time and committed to a select committee.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Thomas,

Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Herbert, and Mr. Cady, were appointed the said committee.

The bill from the Senate, providing for the division of certain quarter sections in future sales of the public lands, was read the first and second time and committed to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate for the relief of John Haslett, was read the first and second time and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill "to explain the act to authorize certain officers and other persons to administer oaths, approved May 3d, 1798," were read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Culpepper moved to postpone until to-morrow, the several orders of the day, for the purpose of again taking into consideration the proposition of amendment to the constitution of the United States, submitted at the present session by Mr. Pickens.

And the question being taken thereon.

It was determined in the negative.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole House on the bill to set apart and pledge as a permanent fund for internal improvement, the bonus of the National Bank, and the United States share of its dividends; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Md. reported that the committee had made several amendments to the said bill; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

And then the House adjourned

WEDNESDAY, February 5, 1817.

Mr. Stearns presented a petition of the Society for propagating the Gospel among the Indians in North America, praying the general government to adopt some measures for establishing and supporting schools for instructing Indian children and youth in the arts of reading and writing; which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Stearns, Mr. Williams, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Woodward were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Wendover presented a petition of Christian H. Kauffman, merchant of the city of New-York, praying to be allowed the drawback on a quantity of wine exported by him to Havanah, which he is unable to obtain, because of not taking the necessary oath within the time specified by law.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Yates presented a petition of Thomas W. Phelps and Warren Colton, praying to be exonerated from their liability as the sureties of a certain Enoch M. Granger, in a bond given by him to secure the duties on his distillery; which said distillery was not used, because of the failure of the said Granger and of the scarcity of grain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Gold presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Oneida, Oswego, Cayuga, Ontario and Gennessee, in the State of New-York, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petitioner be referred

to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Archer presented a petition of Samuel Hughes, proprietor of a cannon foundry in Hartford county, Maryland, praying to be paid for damages done to the said foundry by the British forces during the late war, in consequence of its being engaged at that time in fabricating cannon for the service of the army and navy of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Pleasants presented documents in support of the petition of Henry Tatum; which were referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Peter C. Tupper, of William Osborn, and of F. J. Dallam, and that the first be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims; the second to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures; and that leave be given to withdraw the third.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of William Flannigain and William Parsons, and leave be given to withdraw the said petition.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, relative to patents, and that the said petition lie on the table.

Ordered, That the said committee be also discharged from a further consideration of the pe-

tition of Zebulon Hollingsworth, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the petition of Anthony Buck; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of John M. Ryer; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Pleasants also made a report on the petition of captain Arthur Sinclair of the navy; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson, from the cemmittee on the Judiciary, made a report on the petition of John Fisher; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the 8th ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of allowing to certain non-commissioned officers and soldiers in the late war, who served to the end thereof, but did not obtain their r gular discharge, or who died, or were killed, their balance of pay and the bounty in lands, made a report; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of balances remaining on the books of the Treasury, which have been due more than three years, prior to the 30th Septem-

ber last, and remained unsettled on that day; which were ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act in addition to an act, for the relief of George T. Ross and Daniel T. Patterson, and the officers and men lately under their command.

An act to repeal the second section of an act, concerning the pay of the officers, seamen, and marines in the navy of the United States.

An act making appropriations for the payment of certain claims for militia services to the State of Georgia.

An act to appoint additional pension agents.

An act to amend and explain an act, given pensions to the orphans and widows of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States.

An act for the releif of the widow and children of Arnold Henry Dohrman, deceased: And,

An act granting a pension to commodore Richard Taylor, in which several bills they ask the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Jonathan S. Smith have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Williams, from the committee to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled, "an act making an appropriation, to enable the President of the United States to hold treaties with the Indian tribes for the purpose therein mentioned;" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the

amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill to set apart and pledge as a permanent fund for internal improvement, the bonus of the National Bank and the United States' share of its dividends: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Pickering to amend the said amendments: Whereupon, it was,

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill concerning the invalids of the revolutionary war; and of the widows and children of the militia; and of the soldiers of the army during the late war; the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act making further provision for military services during the late war and for other purposes;" the bill authorizing the establishment of a National Armoury; and the bill respecting the pay and emoluments of certain officers of the army of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the said bills with amendments to the two former, but not having time to go through the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole House, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 6, 1817.

Mr. Law presented a petition of Solomon Porter and Elijah Palmer, surveyors of the customs for the ports of Hartford and Stonington, in the State

of Connecticut, praying for an increase of their compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pitkin presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of iron in the State of Connecticut, praying that additional duties may be imposed on iron imported into the United States.

Mr. Langdon presented a similar petitition from sundry manufacturers of iron, in the States of New-York and Vermont.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Langdon presented a petition of Samuel Thompson, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of Charles King, praying for a pension.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of Francis Henderson, on behalf of himself and family, heirs and representatives of John Laurens, deceased, a lieutenant-colonel in the revolutionary army, and special minister to the court of France, praying compensation for the services of the said colonel Laurens in the capacities aforesaid, as also, of a reimbursement of moneys advanced by him for the public service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Gold presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Oneida, Oswego, Cayuga, Ontario, Gennessee and Niagara, in the State of New-York, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of sundry in-

habitants of the river Raisin, in Michigan Territory, praying compensation for damages committed on their property by the British and Indian forces during the late war.

Mr. Robertson presented a petition of Lewis Evans, praying compensation for his private property taken for public use by order of general Jackson, during his military operations in the vicinity of New-Orleans, in the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Harrison also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan, and residing on the banks of the river Rouge, complaining of the violation on the part of the British officers and troops of an article of the capitulation entered into between generals Brock and Hull, which declared that private persons and property should be respected, and stating that their property was plundered and their persons abused; and praying such relief in the premises as may be in the power of the American government to afford them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Harrison also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Lower Sandusky, in the State of Ohio, praying for pre-emption rights in the purchase of the lands on which they reside.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Archer, from the committee on Naval Expenditures, reported a bill supplementary to an act entitled, "An act concerning the naval establishment," which was read the first and second

time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill to define and enlarge the boundaries of the land district of Edwardsville, in the Illinois Territory, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House, on the bill to provide for the establishment of additional land offices in the Territory of Missouri.

Mr. Robertson, also reported a bill to authorize the sale of the north-east quarter of section No. 16, in township No. 4 north, range No. 1, west of the 3d principal meridian; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting the application of Glover Baker for a pension; which was referred to the committee on Pensions and revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker also laid before the House, a report of the Secretary of the Navy, on the petition of Elizabeth Wadsworth; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Va.

Resolved, That the committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appointing commissioners to view and mark out a road from the highest point of navigation on the James river to that of the Great Kenhawa, and from thence to Point Pleasant on the Ohio, in Virginia.

The bill from the Senate, providing for the division of certain quarter sections in future sales of the public lands, was read the first and second

time, and ordered to be read a third time tomorrow.

The bill from the Senate, in addition to "An act for the relief of George T. Ross and Daniel T. Patterson, and the officers and men lately under their command," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

The bill from the Senate, "to repeal the second section of an act, entitled an act concerning the pay of officers, seamen, and marines in the navy of the United States," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

The bill from the Senate, "making appropriations for the payment of certain claims for militia services to the State of Georgia," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole on the bill of this House to authorize the payment of certain militia claims of the State of Georgia.

The bill from the Senate, "to appoint additional pension agents," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The bill from the Senate, "to amend and explain an act giving pensions to the orphans and widows of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

The bill from the Senate, "for the relief of the widow and children of Arnold Henry Dohrman, deceased," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The bill from the Senate "granting a pension

to commodore Richard Taylor," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill entitled "An act directing the discharge of Lewis Olmstead from imprisonment," in which they ask the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Todd, his Secretary, notifying that the President did this day approve and sign "An act to repeal, after the close of the present session of Congress, the act entitled 'An act to change the mode of compensation to members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the delegates from Territories,' passed the 19th of March 1816."

Mr. Todd also delivered in, at the Speaker's table, a message in writing from the President of the United States.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House be dischaged from a further consideration of the bill authorizing the appointment of circuit judges, and for other purposes, and that the said bill be committed to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole, to the bill to set apart and pledge as a permanent fund for internal improvement, the bonus of the national Bank and the United States share of its dividends, and the question recurred on the amendments proposed yesterday by Mr. Pickering, to amendments. When,

Mr. Pickering withdrew his said amendment

The first amendment reported by the committee of the whole House, was thereupon read, amended, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Pickering then moved to strike out all the first section of the bill after the enacting clause, and to insert the following as the first and second sections thereof.

That the bonus secured to the United States by the act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States, and the dividends which shall arise from their shares in its capital stock, during the present term of twenty years, for which the proprietors thereof have been incorporated, be, and the same are hereby set apart and pledged as a fund for constructing roads and canals, and improving the navigation of water courses, in order to facilitate, promote and give security to internal commerce among the several States, and to render more easy and less expensive the means and provisions necessary for their common defence.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the moneys constituting the said fund shall from time to time be applied in constructing, or to aid in constructing such roads or canals, or improving the navigation of such water courses, or both, in each State, as Congress, *with the assent of such State*, shall by law direct, and in the manner most conducive to the general welfare; and the proportion of the said moneys to be expended on the objects aforesaid, in each State, shall be in the ratio of its representation at the time of such expenditure, in the most numerous branch of the national Legislature.

A motion was made by Mr. Calhoun to amend this amendment by striking out the words "*with the assent of such State.*" Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. King that the bill and the amendments be postponed indefinitely.

And debate arising thereon.

The House adjourned.

ber last, and remained unsettled on that day; which were ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act in addition to an act, for the relief of George T. Ross and Daniel T. Patterson, and the officers and men lately under their command.

An act to repeal the second section of an act, concerning the pay of the officers, seamen, and marines in the navy of the United States.

An act making appropriations for the payment of certain claims for militia services to the State of Georgia.

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An act to amend and explain an act, given pensions to the orphans and widows of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States.

An act for the releif of the widow and children of Arnold Henry Dohrman, deceased: And,

An act granting a pension to commodore Richard Taylor, in which several bills they ask the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Jonathan S. Smith have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Williams, from the committee to whom was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled, "an act making an appropriation, to enable the President of the United States to hold treaties with the Indian tribes for the purpose therein mentioned;" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the

amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill to set apart and pledge as a permanent fund for internal improvement, the bonus of the National Bank and the United States' share of its dividends: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Pickering to amend the said amendments: Whereupon, it was,

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill concerning the invalids of the revolutionary war; and of the widows and children of the militia; and of the soldiers of the army during the late war; the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act making further provision for military services during the late war and for other purposes;" the bill authorizing the establishment of a National Armoury; and the bill respecting the pay and emoluments of certain officers of the army of the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the said bills with amendments to the two former, but not having time to go through the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole House, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 6, 1817.

Mr. Law presented a petition of Solomon Porter and Elijah Palmer, surveyors of the customs for the ports of Hartford and Stonington, in the State

of Connecticut, praying for an increase of their compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pitkin presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of iron in the State of Connecticut, praying that additional duties may be imposed on iron imported into the United States.

Mr. Langdon presented a similar petitition from sundry manufacturers of iron, in the States of New-York and Vermont.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Langdon presented a petition of Samuel Thompson, praying for an increase of his pension.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of Charles King, praying for a pension.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of Francis Henderson, on behalf of himself and family, heirs and representatives of John Laurens, deceased, a lieutenant-colonel in the revolutionary army, and special minister to the court of France, praying compensation for the services of the said colonel Laurens in the capacities aforesaid, as also, of a reimbursement of moneys advanced by him for the public service.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Gold presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Oneida, Oswego, Cayuga, Ontario, Gennessee and Niagara, in the State of New-York, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of sundry in-

Mr. Yancey, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Park Holland, which was read: When,

Mr. Yancey reported a bill for the relief of Park Holland, which was read the first and second time and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow,

Mr. Yancey also made a report on the petition of George Buckmaster, which was read: When,

Mr. Yancey reported a bill for the relief of George Buckmaster, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of Caze and Richaud.

Mr. Yancey also made a report on the petition of Paul Robinson. which was read, and the resolution therein contained is in the following words:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

A motion was made by Mr. Lyon, to lay the said report on the table.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Another motion was made by Mr Lyon, to amend the said resolution by striking out the word *not*.

And the question being taken on striking out this word,

It passed in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Yancey, that the said report lie on the table, which motion was rejected.

The question was then stated to agree to the resolution as amended: When it was

Ordered, That the said report be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be

discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Fletcher and Taylor.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which have been referred the petition of Thomas Cook, collector of the district of Edgartown; the petition of Joseph Stohrer, collector of the district of Kennebunk; the petition of Alexander Wolcott, collector of the district of Middletown, and the petition of Levi Fagan, collector of the district of Plymouth, in North-Carolina; made a report on the said petitions, which was read: When,

Mr. Lowndes, reported a bill respecting the compensation of the collectors therein mentioned, which was read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Lowndes also reported a bill making additional appropriations to defray the expenses of the army and militia during the late war with Great Britain, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of the government during the year 1817.

Mr. Lowndes also reported a bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year 1817, which was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. from the committee of Elections, made the following report:

That they have examined the certificate of election of *Zadock Cook*, who is returned as a representative for the State of Georgia, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Alfred Cuthbert, and find the same sufficient to entitle him to a seat in this House.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of John Minor, administrator of Reuben Minor, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chappell also made a report on the petition of Allan M'Lane, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was recommitted the bill authorizing the appointment of circuit judges, and for other purposes, reported the same with an amendment, which was read, and together with the bill committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of paying the general staff of governor Edwards, reported a bill for the relief of certain officers, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled and superannuated officers and soldiers.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts," reported the same with sundry amendments, which were read, and together with the bill committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the redemption of the public debt.

Ordered, That the select committee to which was referred the petition of William Thorn, be discharged from a further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House the annual report of the commissioners of the sinking fund, detailing their operations subsequent to their re-

port of the 7th of February, 1816, so far as the same have been completed, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The message received yesterday from the President of the United States was read, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives,
of the United States:

On comparing the 4th section of the act of Congress passed March 31, 1814, providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi Territory, with the article of agreement and cession between the United States, and State of Georgia, bearing date April 30, 1802, it appears that the engagements entered into with the claimants interfere with the rights and interests secured to that State; I recommend to Congress that provision be made by law for payments to the State of Georgia, equal to the amount of Mississippi stock which shall be paid into the Treasury, until the stipulated sum of 1,250,000 dollars shall be completed.

JAMES MADISON.

February 6, 1817.

Ordered, That the said message be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wilde, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Atherton.

On motion of Mr. Hahn,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to report to this House, the reasons why the militia fines incurred by delinquents, under the late call of the militia into the service of the United States, are not finally collected.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act directing the discharge of Lewis Olmsted from

imprisonment," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act providing for the division of certain quarter sections in future sales of public lands," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill entitled, "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'an act concerning the naval establishment,'" was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to set apart and pledge as a permanent fund for internal improvement, the bonus of the National Bank, and the United States share of its dividends. And the question recurred on the motion made yesterday by Mr. King, and depending at the time of adjournment, to postpone the said bill and the amendments thereto depending, indefinitely,

And being taken,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....74 / Nays.....86 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Archer,
Atherton,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Mr. Boss,
Bradbury,
Brown,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Champion,
Cilley,

Mr. Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Cook,
Cooper,
Crawford,
Davenport,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Forney,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Hale,
Hardin,
Hawes,
Henderson,
Hooks,
Hungerford,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,
Miller,
Mills,
Mr. Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Piper,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,
Robertson,
Root,
Ruggles,
Smith, Md.
Southard,
Stearns,
Strong,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Taul,
Tyler,
Vose,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wilcox,
Williams,
Woodward,
Wright.....74.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Baer,
Baker,
Bateman,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Breckenridge,
Brooks,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Calhoun,
Mr. Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clendennin,
Condict,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Darlington,
Fletcher,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Gold,
Griffin,

Mr. Grosvenor,
Hahn,
Hall,
Hammond,
Harrison,
Heister,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Kilbourn,
Lewis,
Little,
Love,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
M'Kee,
Middleton,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Moseley,
Murfree,
Mr. Jer. Nelson,
Newton,
Ormsby,
Peter,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Powell,
Randolph,
Ross,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Sheffey,
Smith, Penn.
Smith, Va.
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Thomas,
Townsend,
Wallace,
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Willoughby,
Thos. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Yancey,
Yates.....87.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Calhoun, to the amendment proposed on the same day by Mr. Pickering,

And was determined in the negative.

The said amendment proposed by Mr. Pickering, was then agreed to by the House. And,

Mr. Kilbourn moved further to amend the said bill, by adding thereto the following section :

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That when it shall be the wish of any State, that a part of its share in the funds et apart and appropriated by this act, shall be applied to

the purposes intended by this act within the limits of any other State or States; and shall manifest the same to Congress by a resolution of the legislature thereof, it may and shall be lawful for Congress to provide for and direct the application of such sum, in such manner as they shall think proper, to the specific purposes set forth in such resolution, and none other.

And on the question to agree to this section.

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed as amended, and read a third time to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 8, 1817.

Mr. Atherton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Hampton, in New-Hampshire, praying that the mails may not be opened or transported on Sundays, which was referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from sundry inhabitants of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Hale presented a petition from sundry ship owners and others, inhabitants of Portsmouth, in New-Hampshire, to the same effect with the petition of sundry ship owners residing in the city of New-York, presented yesterday.

Ordered, That the said petition lie upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Langdon,

Ordered, That the petition of Lyman Way, presented on the 23d of January, 1816, be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of Willis Tandy, praying for arrears of pension, and that his pension may be increased.

Mr. Powell presented a petition of John Harbison, praying for a pension

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Schenck presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Dutchess county, in the State of New-York.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western parts of Maryland and Pennsylvania,

Mr. Blount presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Knox, Anderson, Campbell and Claiborne, in the State of Tennessee, respectively praying for the establishment of post-routes.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Milnor presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of iron in Pennsylvania, praying that additional duties may be imposed on that article imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. M'Kee presented a petition of William Morton and John S. Snead, merchants, of Lexington, in Kentucky, praying to be paid the amount of eleven Treasury notes of twenty dollars each, which have been lost, by robbery of the mail between Lexington and Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of William Hargrave, praying that his title to a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Abraham Butler, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of William Hargrave, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

Ordered, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Paul D. Luke, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Newton, from the the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to which was referred the petition of Henry Lee, made a report thereon, which was read. When,

Mr Newton reported a bill for the relief of the said Henry Lee, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next,

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause payment to be made of certain alien duties; which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to remit certain duties.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, from the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to the subject of Roads and Canals, made a detailed report, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to take measures for ascertaining as far as practicable.

and report to this House, at the next and every subsequent session of Congress, such roads, canals, and improvements in water courses, as are required in a general system of inland navigation and intercourse throughout the extent of the United States and the Territories thereof, best adapted to facilitate the intercourse necessary for personal, commercial and military purposes.

Ordered, That the said report be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Parris from the committee appointed on the petition of Noah Miller, made a report, which was read. When,

Mr. Parris reported a bill for the relief of the said Noah Miller, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the propriety of placing John Griffin on the pension list.

On motion of Mr. Chappell,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the propriety of altering the present mode of paying invalid pensions, so far as it regards those pensions which have not been demanded within a reasonable time.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, of Ky.

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of State to publish the laws of the United States, in any number of papers he may deem proper, not exceeding six in each State.

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of modifying the law passed on the 15th day of December, 1814, entitled, "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit, by duties on carriages and the harness used therefor," so as to provide for the annual valuation of carriages liable to the duty or tax imposed by the said law.

Mr. Atherton submitted the following resolution which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the following be adopted, as an addition to the standing rules of the House:

It shall be the duty of the committee on Public Expenditures to examine whether any offices, under the laws of the United States, have become useless or unnecessary, to report from time to time on the expediency of modifying or abolishing the same; also, to examine into the pay and emoluments of all offices under the laws of the United States, and to report from time to time such a reduction or increase thereof, as a just economy and the public service may require.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Dickens,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to report a bill to repeal so much of the acts now in force, as lays a duty on salt.

The question was taken will the House *now* consider this resolution.

It was determined in the negative.

The follow resolution with the preamble thereto prefixed was submitted by Mr. King,

Whereas a bill was yesterday ordered by the House of Representatives to be engrossed and read a third time this

day, appropriating one million and a half of dollars of the public money, and the United States share of the dividends in the National Bank, for twenty years, on seven millions of dollars, owned by them therein, and on which they are now paying an annual interest of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for constructing roads and canals; and whereas it is desirable that some part of the public treasure, drawn from the people of the country, should, particularly in times of general distress, be applied to their relief, and to objects connected with their immediate, best, and highest interest: Therefore,

Resolved, That there shall be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated, two millions of dollars, to be apportioned among the several States, Territories, and District of Columbia, in proportion to their free population, at the last enumeration; one million thereof to be immediately applied by the governors of the several States and Territories, and in the District of Columbia, by the several corporations of Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown, to the support of the poor, and in aid of the funds of such humane and charitable institutions, as, in the opinion of such governors, and corporations, may stand most in need thereof; the other million of dollars to be applied by the legislatures of the several States and Territories, and in the District of Columbia, by the Congress of the United States, to the promotion of education, and the advancement of religion and morality; or in aid of the funds of such Bible and Missionary Societies as may be selected. And that the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to bring in a bill for the above purposes.

The question was taken, will the House *now* consider this resolution,

And determined in the negative.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act directing the discharge of Oliver Olmsted from imprisonment," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill entitled, "An act for the relief of Park Holland," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill entitled, "An act to set apart and pledge as a permanent fund for internal improvement the bonus of the National Bank, and the United States' share of its dividends," was read the third time,

And on the question—"Shall this bill pass?".

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....86 / Nays.....84 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Avery,
Baker,
Bateman,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Breckenridge,
Brooks,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Calhoun,
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Condict,
Conner,
Creighton,
Mr. Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Darlington,
Findley,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Glasgow,
Gold,
Griffin,
Grosvenor,
Hahn,
Hall,
Hammond,
Harrison,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Hopkinson,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Ingham,

Mr. Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Little,
Love,
Lovett,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Wm. P. Maclay,
M'Kee,
Middleton,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Murfree,
Jer. Nelson,
Newton,
Ormsby,
Peter,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Mr. Powell,
Ross,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Va.
Tate,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Townsend,
Wallace
Webster,
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Willoughby,
Thos. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Yancey,
Yates.....86.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Archer,
Atherton,
Baer,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brown,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Cilley
Clarke, N. C.
Clayton,
Mr. Cook,
Cooper,
Crawford,
Davenport,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards.
Fletcher,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Hale,
Hardin,
Hawes,
Hooks,
Hungerford,
Irwin, Pa.
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
King,
Langdon,

Mr. Law,
Lowndes,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,
Miller,
Mills,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson.
Noyes,
Parris,
Piper,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Randolph,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,
Robertson,
Mr. Root,
Ruggles,
Smith, Md.
Southard,
Stearns,
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Taul,
Thomas,
Tyler,
Vose,
Ward, Ma.
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Wilcox,
Williams,
Woodward,
Wright.....84.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the President of the United States by Mr. Todd, his Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The President of the United States did this day approve and sign,

An act to extend the provisions of the "act to authorize certain officers and other persons to administer oaths," approved May the 3d, 1798;

An act to amend the act entitled, "An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Joseph Stewart and others;" And,

An act for the relief of Henry Malcolm.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 10, 1816.

Mr. Gold presented a petition of Epaphras L. Phelps, praying to be paid for damages committed on his property in the province of Upper Canada, by the American troops under the command of general M'Arthur.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of John Flood M'Grew, praying that the pre-emption right heretofore granted him in the purchase of a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory, may be confirmed.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of Thomas Fortner, praying that his title to a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory may be confirmed.

Mr. Lattimore also presented a petition of John Johnson, senior, also praying that his title to a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill more effectually to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, and for other purposes, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Joseph Gillard, which was read: When,

Mr. Robertson reported a bill confirming the title of Joseph Gillard, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill to establish additonal land-offices in the Territory of Missouri.

Mr. Robertson also made a report on the petition of Chew and Relf, which was read: When,

Mr. Robertson reported a bill confirming the title of the marquis de Maison Rouge, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the whole House last mentioned.

Mr. M'Kee, from the committee appointed on the 24th ultimo, by leave of the House, reported a bill transferring the duties of the commissioners of loans to the Bank of the United States, and to abolish the offices of commissioners of loans, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill from the Senate to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts.

Mr. M'Kee, from the same committee, also reported a bill regulating the pay and emoluments of pursers and midshipmen in the navy, and of the medical staff of the army of the United States, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Ingham, from the committee appointed on the 23d ultimo, reported a bill to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks and messengers which was read the first and second time. and committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee appointed on the petition of William Tatham, made a report on the said petition which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, to which was committed the bill from the Senate entitled, "an act to amend and explain "an act giving pensions to the widows and orphans

of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States,'" reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Elizabeth Matilda Shubrick, Sophia D. Gardner, and Eliza Tarbell, and that they be referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill last mentioned.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did on the 6th instant, approve and sign an enrolled resolution, which originated therein, "to employ John Trumbull to compose and execute certain paintings." They have passed a bill entitled, "An act for the relief of Jacint Laval;" and a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice-President of the United States, and of notifying the persons elected of their election; and have, conformably thereto, appointed a committee on their part: in which bill and resolution they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolution was read and concurred in by the House: And,

Mr. Jackson, Mr. Irving, of N. Y. and Mr. Pitkin, were appointed of the committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, to which was committed the bill from the

Senate entitled, "An act to repeal the second section of an act entitled, 'An act concerning the pay of officers, seamen and marines in the navy of the United States," reported the same without amendment

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from a further consideration of the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act granting a pension to commodore Richard Taylor," and that the said bill be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of Anthony Buck, and the resolution therein recommended for adoption by the House, was read in the following words:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A motion was made by Mr. Barbour to amend the resolution to read as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted.

And the question being taken on this amendment.

It passed in the affirmative.

The resolution was then agreed to as amended, and the committee of Commerce and Manufactures instructed to prepare and report a bill conformably thereto.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act for the relief of Jacint Laval," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee on Military Affairs.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to repeal the second section of an act entitled, 'An

act concerning the pay of officers, seamen, and marines in the navy of the United States,'" was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into the committee of the whole, to which is committed the bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers: and on the several bills committed to the said committee of the whole House, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict reported the bill relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war, without amendment, but not having time to go through the whole of the bills committed to them, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 11, 1817.

Ordered, That Mr. Avery have leave of absence from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr Reed presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the district of Barnstable, in Massachusetts, and

Mr. Davenport presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Connecticut, respectively praying that the mails may not be transported or opened on Sundays, which petitions were referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from the inhabitants of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Conner presented a petition from Nicholas Welsh and Dean Weymouth,

Mr. Clarke of N. Y. presented a petition of Rowland Cotton,

Mr. Kent presented a petition of Harvey Moore,

Mr. William Wilson presented a petition of William Scott, respectively praying for pensions and increase of pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the petition of Richard G. Morris, presented on the 21st of December, 1815, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Conner,

Ordered, That the petition of John B. Dabney, presented on the 5th of April, 1816, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Smith, of Md. presented a petition of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, praying to be reimbursed the moneys borrowed and expended by them in placing that city in a state of defence during the late war with Great Britain.

Mr. Lowndes presented a petition of Abraham Richards, of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, praying for the remission of the duties paid by him on a quantity of merchandise imported into the port of St. Mary's in the said State, which subsequently fell into the hands of the British forces, by whom they were carried off or destroyed, during the late war.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Savage presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the State of New-York, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

On motion of Mr. William Wilson,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the western parts of the States of Pennsylvania and New-York, presented on the 5th of January, 1816, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Savage also presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of bar iron, in the State of New-York, praying that additional duties may be imposed on that article imported into the United States.

Mr. Condict presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Patterson, in the State of New-Jersey, on behalf of the domestic manufacturies.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of sundry merchants and traders in the town of St. Stephens, in the Mississippi Territory, praying that the said town may be established as a port of delivery.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Peter presented a petition of Cartwright Tippett, cryer, and of Richard Spalding, and John B. Goddard, bailiffs to the supreme court of the United States, praying for additional compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pickens presented a petition of George Fisher, praying remuneration for losses in the war with the Creek Indians.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of Absalom Johnson, praying that his title to a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, who were instructed by resolution, to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the duty on carriages and harness therefor, as imposes a duty upon carriages and harness not exceeding one hundred dollars in value, made a report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the same committee, who were also instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing or modifying the act laying duties on licenses to retailers, also made a report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Daniel Oakey, and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee on Private Land Claims, reported a bill for the relief of Thomas Malone, Josiah Carney, John Flood M'Grew, John Johnson, and R. H. Gilmer, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill for erecting a lighthouse on the west chop of Holmes' Hole harbour in the State of Massachusetts, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of government during the year 1817.

Mr. Newton, from the same committee, also reported a bill to increase the duty on iron in bars and bolts, which was read the first and second

time, and committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Newton, also, reported a bill for the relief of Anthony Buck, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Nathaniel Seavy and others, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Hall, from the committee appointed on the message from the President of the United States of the 7th instant, relating to the fourth section of the act of Congress, passed on the 31st March, 1814, providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public land in the Mississippi Territory, made a report thereon, which was read: When,

Mr. Hall reported a bill authorizing the payment of money to the State of Georgia, under the articles of agreement and cession between the United States and that State, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Pickering, from the committee on the African slave trade, made a report on the petition of the President and board of managers of the American society for colonizing the free people of colour of the United States, which was read: When,

Mr. Pickering reported a joint resolution concerning the abolition of the traffick in slaves, and colonizing free people of colour on the continent of Africa, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Jackson, from the joint committee appointed

yesterday, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice-President, made a report in part, which was read, considered, and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the two Houses shall assemble in the chamber of the House of Representatives on Wednesday next at 12 o'clock: That two persons be appointed tellers on the part of this House, to make a list of the votes as they shall be declared: That the result shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall announce the state of the vote, and the persons elected, to the two Houses assembled as aforesaid; which shall be deemed a declaration of the persons elected President and Vice-President, and together with a list of votes be entered on the journals of the two Houses.

Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Pitkin, were appointed tellers on the part of this House.

Ordered, That when the members of the Senate appear to-morrow in the chamber of this House, the President of the Senate shall be conducted to the chair by the Speaker; and that the Clerk of this House inform the Senate of these proceedings.

On motion of Mr. Kilbourn,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing the following post-routes within the State of Ohio, viz. from Granville in Licking county, to Columbia, the seat of government; from London in Madison county, to Springfield in the county of Champaign; and from Newark in said Licking county, by New-Lebanon, to Lancaster in the county of Fairfield.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Williams, which was read, considered and *rejected*.

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act of Congress, passed at the last session, as prohibits distillers who have obtained a license, from retailing a less quantity of spirits than one gallon.

On motion of Mr. Langdon,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the revenue laws, as not to oblige the vessels navigating lake Champlain, to enter and take a clearance at the custom-houses in the district of Champlain, in the State of New-York, and the district of Vermont, where goods are to be landed in each district.

On motion of Mr. Wilde,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the judge of the sixth circuit court of the United States, a sum equal to the salary of the judge of the district court of South-Carolina, for the term of one year, during which time the said circuit judge, was compelled by law, to perform the duties of the judge of the said district court.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statements of the amounts collected under the several acts, laying direct taxes and internal duties, together, with the amount of compensation to the officers employed in the collection thereof, as also, a statement of the compensation receceived by the principal and assistant assessors, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the bill relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have agreed to the report, in part, of the joint committee of the two Houses, appointed to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice-President; and have appointed Mr. Macon a teller of votes on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled and superannuated officers and soldiers, and on the several other bills thereto committed, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict reported the bill for the relief of certain sufferers in the late war between the United States and Great Britain, without amendments, and asked leave for the committee to sit again on the residue of the order.

Ordered, That the said committee of the whole House have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 12, 1817.

Mr. Langdon presented a petition of Horace B. Thompson, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Willoughby presented a petition of Calvin Barnes, praying for a reimbursement of the expenses incurred by him in curing a wound, which he received in battle with the enemy during the late war with Great Britain, as also, compensation

for a rifle and other property lost in the service, whilst a volunteer therein.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Lovitt Fentress, praying to be allowed in the settlement of his accounts for repairs done to the marine hospital in Norfolk, a sum exceeding that at which he contracted to do the said repairs, for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Breckenridge presented a petition of Alexander Crawford, praying to be relieved from the payment of the duties levied on his distillery, as the same has been subsequently destroyed by fire, together, with a large quantity of spirituous liquors therein.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Breckenridge presented a petition of Josiah Watson, post-master of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying for an increase of compensation.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of Kentucky and Indiana, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

The Speaker presented a petition of Hezekiah Niles and John Chandler, stating that they have it in contemplation to establish a national printing-office and stationery store at the seat of government, and praying for the protection and support of the national Legislature in their undertaking, which was ordered to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. Yancey, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Newton, Mr. Ingham, and Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Mary Wells; on the petition of James Orr; on the petition of William Oliver; on the petition of Peter Kendall; and on the petition of Berthelemy Duverges, which were severally read: When,

Mr. Yancey reported bills of the following titles, to wit:

A bill for the relief of Mary Wells.

A bill for the relief of James Orr.

A bill for the relief of William Oliver.

A bill for the relief of Peter Kendall. And

A bill for the relief of Berthelemy Duverge.

Which said bills were severally read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill for the relief of Caze and Richaud.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that this House is now ready to receive them, and to proceed in opening the certificates and counting the votes of the electors of the several States, in the choice of a President and Vice-President of the United States, in pursuance of the resolution of the two Houses of the 10th instant, and that the Clerk go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message, and being returned,

The Senate attended and took seats in the House.

The President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, proceeded to open the certificates of the electors of the several States, beginning with New-Hampshire, which were delivered to the tellers, by whom they were read, and who took lists of the same as far as *Indiana*, when the Presi-

dent of the Senate was about to open the votes of that State, for the purpose of having the same counted.

Mr. Taylor, one of the Representatives from the State of New-York, rose and objected to the same, and stated that in his opinion the votes of the electors of the said State of Indiana, for President and Vice-President of the United States ought not to be received.

Upon which objection being made, the Senate, on motion of one of its members, withdrew; and being absent,

A resolution was then submitted by Mr. Sharp, in the words following:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the votes of the electors for the State of Indiana, for a President and Vice-President of the United States, were properly and legally given, and ought to be counted.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. to amend the said resolution, by striking out all thereof after the enacting clause, and inserting the following: That the votes of the electors of the State of Indiana for President and Vice-President of the United States, having been given previous to the admission of that State into the Union, *ought not to be received and counted.*

And debate arising thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Ingham, that the resolution be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative. And

On motion of Mr. Pitkin,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that this House is again ready to

receive them, and continue the opening the certificates and counting the votes of the electors of the several States, for a President and Vice-President of the United States, in pursuance of the resolution of the two Houses of the 11th instant, and that the Clerk go with the said message,

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message, and being returned,

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary, informing the House that the Senate were again ready to attend and resume the opening the certificates, and counting and directing the votes for President and Vice-President of the United States. And then he withdrew; Whereupon,

The Senate again attended and took seats in the House.

The President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses, proceeded to open the certificates of the electors of the State of Indiana, which he delivered to the tellers, by whom it was read, and who took lists of the votes therein enclosed; and the votes of all the States having been counted and the lists compared, they were delivered to the President of the Senate, and are as follows:

STATES.	For President		For Vice-President.				
	James Monroe, of Virginia.	Rufus King, of New-York.	Daniel D. Tompkins, of New-York.	John E. Howard, of Maryland.	James Ross, of Pennsylvania.	John Marshall, of Virginia	Robert G. Harper, of Maryland.
New-Hampshire, .	8		8				
Massachusetts, .		22		22			
Rhode-Island, . .	4		4				
Connecticut, . .		9			5	4	
Vermont, ...	8		8				
New-York, . . .	29		29				
New-Jersey, . . .	8		8				
Pennsylvania, . .	25		25				
Delaware, . . .		3					3
Maryland, . . .	8		8				
Virginia, ...	25		25				
North-Carolina, .	15		15				
South-Carolina, . .	11		11				
Georgia, . . .	8		8				
Kentucky, . . .	12		12				
Tennessee, . . .	8		8				
Ohio, ...	8		8				
Louisiana, . . .	3		3				
Indiana, ...	3		3				
	183	34	183	22	5	4	3

RECAPITULATION OF THE VOTES OF THE ELECTORS.

For President of the United States.

	Votes.
James Monroe, of Virginia,	183
Rufus King, of New-York,	34

For Vice-President of the United States.

	Votes.
Daniel D. Tompkins, of New-York,	183
John E. Howard, of Maryland,	22
James Ross, of Pennsylvania,	5
John Marshall, of Virginia,	4
Robert G. Harper, of Maryland,	3

The President of the Senate, in pursuance of the joint resolution of the two Houses, then announced the state of the votes to both Houses of Congress, and declared

That James Monroe, of the State of Virginia, was duly elected President of the United States, for four years, to commence on the fourth day of March, next, *and that Daniel D. Tompkins, of the State of New-York, was duly elected Vice-President of the United States, for the like term of four years*, to commence on the said fourth day of March, next

The two Houses then separated, and the Senate returned to their chamber.

And the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 13, 1817.

Mr. Webster presented a petition of Warren Lovejoy, confined in prison in Boston, at the suit

of the United States, and praying to be discharged from his said imprisonment.

Mr. Mills presented a petition of Levi Smith & Co. distillers, praying to be relieved from the payment of duties imposed on their distillery, as they have been unable to use the same, because of the destruction of a part of the said distillery.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Mills presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Hampshire, south district, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the mails may not be transported or opened on Sundays, which was referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from the inhabitants of Southampton, in the said State.

Mr. Mason presented a petition of the cotton and woolen manufacturing companies in Providence, and its vicinity, in the State of Rhode-Island, praying to the same effect with the petition of the merchants and manufacturers in the city of New-York, presented on the 4th instant.

Mr. Moseley presented a similar petition from the manufacturers in the town of Lyme and Waterford, in the State of Connecticut

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Condict presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of bar iron in the State of New-Jersey, praying that additional duties may be imposed on bar iron imported into the United States, which was referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill to increase the duty on iron in bars and bolts imported into the United States.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pennsylvania, praying that an act may be passed establishing an uniform bankrupt

system throughout the United States, which was referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill for that purpose.

Mr. Ingham presented a petition of Caleb and William Dobbins, and Sarah Whitesides, late Sarah Dobbins, praying for payment of a loan-office certificate, and a certificate issued by the government of the State of New-Jersey, for military services during the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Herbert presented a petition of the President and managers of the Columbia turnpike road, praying for permission to extend the road which they have constructed under an act of the State of Maryland, from Baltimore to the line of the District of Columbia, from the said line to Georgetown.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of Wade Hampton, late a major-general in the armies of the United States, stating that while commanding on the lines between the provinces of Canada and the United States, during the late war with Great Britain, he arrested a certain John M'Connell on the charge of his being a spy, and had him tried by a general court-martial, by which he was acquitted, that said M'Connell subsequently sued him for false imprisonment, and has recovered a judgment for six thousand dollars with costs, and praying to be indemnified against the said judgment.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce

and Manufactures, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing importers of goods into New-Orleans, and destined for Cincinnati, to give bond for the payment of the duties, to a collector to be appointed to reside at Cincinnati, made a report thereon, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the petition of George Simpson, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Peyton Short; on the petition of Asa Wells; and on the petition of Charles Williams, which reports were severally read: When,

Mr. Yancey reported bills of the following titles:

A bill for the relief of Peyton Short.

A bill for the relief of Asa Wells. And

A bill for the relief of Charles Williams.

Which said bills were severally read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of Caze and Richaud.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petitions of Lewis Evans, and Howell and Tyler, and that they be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Lewis, from the committee for the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington," reported the same with

amendments, which were read, agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and the bill as amended to be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Wilde, from the committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to the judge of the sixth circuit of the United States, an additional compensation, made a favourable report, which was read and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of government during the year 1817.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act for the relief of the widow and children of Arnold Henry Dohrman, deceased, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter, deceased."

Mr. Chappell, from the same committee to which was also committed the bill from the Senate entitled "An act to appoint additional pension agents," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill from the Senate, "to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts."

Mr. Ingham, from the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, reported a bill to extend the privilege of franking to the ordnance department and patent office, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of

sundry inhabitants of Lower Sandusky, in the State of Ohio, and on the resolution of the general assembly of that State on their behalf; and on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, in the said State of Ohio, which reports were read, and the resolutions therein contained, were severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Lower Sandusky, in the State of Ohio ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved. That the prayer of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery, in the State of Ohio, ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, to which was committed the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act in addition to an act for the relief of Daniel T. Patterson, and George T. Ross, and the officers and men lately under their command," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill entitled, "An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House proceeded to consider the bill "for the relief of certain sufferers during the late war." When,

The first amendment of the committee of the

whole House to the said bill was concurred in; and the second concurred in with an amendment.

A motion was then made by Mr. Ingham, to lay the said bill on the table.

And the question being taken thereon.

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....100 / Nays.....53 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Archer,
Atherton,
Baer,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Birdseye,
Breckenridge,
Brown,
Burwell,
Caldwell,
Cannon,
Champion,
Chappell,
Cilley,
Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Condict,
Cook,
Cooper,
Crawford,
Culpepper,
Darlington,
Davenport,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Findley,

Mr. Forney,
Gaston,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hawes,
Heister,
Henderson,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Hopkinson,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Ingham,
Jewett,
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Little,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
Miller,

Mr. Mills,
Milnor,
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Newton,
Noyes,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Piper,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Powell,
Reed,
Rice,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Sharpe,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Va.
Mr. Stearns,
Strong,
Tate,
Telfair,
Thomas,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. J.
Webster
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Williams,
Tho. Wilson,
Wright,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey.....101.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Brooks,
Cady,
Calhoun,
Carr, Ms.
Clark, N. Y.
Comstock,
Conner,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Desha,
Gold,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Hendricks,
Hulbert,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Mr. Johnson, Ky.
Kerr, Va.
Lovett,
Lyon,
M'Lean,
Middleton,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Ormsby,
Peter,
Reynolds,
Robertson,
Root,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Md.
Southard,
Sturges,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Townsend,
Tyler,

Mr. Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Wilkin,
Mr. Willoughby,
Wright,
Yates.....52.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government during the year 1817, to which committee of the whole was also committed sundry other bills; and after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed chair, and Mr. Condict reported the said bill with amendments, and asked leave for the committee of the whole House to sit again on the residue of the order.

Ordered, That the said committee of the whole House have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 14, 1817.

Mr. Jackson presented a petition of Oliver Pollock, praying for a revision of the settlement of his accounts against the United States for services rendered, supplies furnished and monies advanced to the United States during the revolutionary war, and that the sums now actually due to him may be paid with interest thereon.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. Tyler presented a petition of sundry merchants of the district of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, aud of owners and masters of vessels trading to and from the said district, praying that the moneys collected in said district, under the act for the relief and protection of sick and disabled seamen may be expended therein.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Fletcher presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Nicholas, and State of Kentucky, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of Hannah Allen, widow of Justice Allen, late of the province of Upper Canada, and who during the late war joined the American army under general Harrison as a volunteer, and died in service, praying for a pension, or such other relief as Congress may think proper to grant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. also presented a petition of Robert Williamson, and Samuel H. Garrow, praying compensation for their vessel impressed into the military service during the late war with Great Britain, and subsequently captured by the enemy.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented a petition of a society of cadets at the military academy at West-Point, called the "*Amosophic Society*," praying for an act of incorporation, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Maryland, stating that it is their intention to run a line of stages from Baltimore, by Fredericktown, and over the Cumberland road to the Ohio river, praying that the post-master general may be directed to enter into a contract with them for transporting the mail on the route aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the post-master general.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of John Johnson, praying permission to cut his mill race through a tract of land belonging to the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Mississippi Territory, west of Pearl river, praying that the said Territory may be divided, and that the western section thereof may be admitted into the Union as a State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House on the bills for the purposes expressed in the petition.

Mr. Lattimore also presented a petition of Thomas Kelly, praying for a confirmation of his title to a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a bill to repeal so much of an act entitled, "An act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage," passed April 27th, 1816, as limits the laying and collecting a duty of twenty-five per centum ad valorem on certain goods, to the 30th June, 1819, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill to increase the duty on iron in bars and bolts.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of James Babbitt, and that it be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the petition of Ebenezer

Mosier, guardian of the children of Thomas Howard, deceased, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of John Smith, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Acting Secretary of War, in answer to the resolution requesting him to report the reasons why the militia fines incurred by delinquents under the late call of the militia into the service of the United States, are not finally collected, which letter was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement showing the quantity of public lands sold, and the receipts therefor, in the States of Ohio and Indiana, and the Illinois and Mississippi Territories, during the year ending on the 30th of September, 1816, which was referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Parris,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House, any information in the possession of that Department relative to the claims of the State of Massachusetts, for payment of the expenses of the militia ordered out by the executive authority of that State during the late war.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Williams:

Resolved, That the internal duties be repealed,

and that the committee of Ways and Means be directed to report a bill for that purpose.

And on the question—"Will the House *now* consider this resolution?"

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....84 / Nays.....34 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Alexander,
Atherton,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Cady,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Cilley,
Clark, N. Y.
Clendennin,
Cooper,
Culpepper,
Desha,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Goldsborough,
Hale,
Hall,
Hammond,
Harrison,
Heister,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Hooks,
Hungerford,
Irwin, Pa.
Jewett,
Mr. Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Little,
Lovett,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Jer. Nelson,
Newton,
Noyes,
Parris,
Peter,
Pickens,
Pleasants,
Powell,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Rice,
Roane,

Mr. Ruggles,
Sharp,
Smith, Va.
Southard,
Stearns,
Strong,
Taggart,
Taul,
Telfair,
Thomas,
Mr. Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Williams,
Willoughby,
Wm. Wilson.....34.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Archer,
Baer,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Breckenridge,
Caldwell,
Calhoun,
Comstock,
Condict,
Davenport,
Findley,
Forney,
Goodwyn,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Mr. Ingham,
Lowndes,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Middleton,
Miller,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Ormsby,
Robertson,
Root,
Savage,
Schenck,
Tallmadge,
Taylor, N. Y.
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Woodward,
Yancey.....34.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, of Md. to lay the said resolution on the table. And debate arising thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Lowndes, that the House do now proceed to the orders of the day.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....73 / Nays.....72 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Archer,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Bennett,
Betts,
Birdseye,
Breckenridge,
Brown,
Caldwell,
Calhoun,
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clayton,
Comstock,
Condict,
Cooper,
Creighton,
Davenport,
Findley,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gold,
Goodwyn,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Harrison,
Hendricks,
Huger,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Johnson, Ky.
Kerr, Va.
Law,
Little,
Lowndes,
Mr. Wm. P. Maclay,
M'Lean,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson.
Newton,
Ormsby,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Pleasants,
Reynolds,
Robertson,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Md.
Southard,
Stearns,
Tallmadge,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Townsend,
Tyler,
Ward, Ms.
Wendover,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Willoughby,
Thos. Wilson,
Yancey,
Yates.....73.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Alexander,
Atherton,
Mr. Baylies,
Birdsall,
Blount,

Mr. Boss,
Bradbury,
Brooks,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cady,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Clarke, N. C.
Clendennin,
Cook,
Culpepper,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Goldsborough,
Hale,
Hall,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Heister,
Henderson,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Hungerford,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Kent,
King,
Langdon,
Lovett,
Mr. Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Hugh Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Peter,
Powell,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,
Root,
Sharp,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Va.
Strong,
Taggart,
Thomas,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Williams,
Wm. Wilson.....72.

Mr. Cannon moved to lay the unfinished business of yesterday on the table, for the purpose of taking into consideration the resolution submitted by him to reduce the army of the United States.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative. And

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole House, to the bill making appropriations

for the support of government during the year 1817, and the said amendments being read, were amended and agreed to.

The said bill was further amended, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act authorizing the sale certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington," was read the third time and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, and on the several other bills committed to the same committee of the whole House; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict reported that the committee had made some progress in the said bills, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said committee of the whole House have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 15, 1817.

Mr. Hale presented a petition of sundry merchants of Portsmouth, in the State of New-Hampshire, stating that previous to the year 1800, many of their vessels, with their cargoes, were captured by French cruisers, and condemned by the French tribunals, and that their claims to indemnity on the French government were abandoned by the government of the United States, in the convention of 1800; and praying such relief in the premises as it may be in the power of the government to

grant, which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Reed presented a petition of Nathan Crosby, of the town of Weare, in the State of Massachusetts,

Mr. Davenport presented a petition of Alexander Mills, an officer in the Revolutionary army,

Mr. Hammond presented a petition of William Williams, respectively praying for pensions.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

On motion of Mr. Robertson,

Ordered, That the petition of Elisha T. Hall, presented on 8th of January, 1816, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of Eleanor Wilson, praying for a remission of the balance of the moneys due by her to the United States, for the purchase of a tract of land.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee appointed on the part of this House, in pursuance of the joint resolution "to ascertain and *report* a mode of *examining* the votes for President and Vice-President of the United States, and of *notifying* the persons elected of their election," made a further report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pickens, from the committee on Public Expenditures, to which was referred the petition of colonel James Thomas, late a quarter-master-general in the armies of the United States, and the report of the select committee made at the last session upon the settlement of his accounts, made a

detailed report thereon, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pickens, from the same committee, also made a report on that part of the petition of the said colonel Thomas, which relates to his claim for extra-official services and for expenses incurred in transporting his baggage, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the claims of colonel Thomas, referred to in his petition for extra services and expenses ought *not* to be allowed.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacint Laval," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was then accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of Paul D. Luke, which was read and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting information respecting the expense of the military academy at West-Point, from the year 1801, to 1816, the number of students educated at the said academy, and of the number of those who have been appointed officers in the army of the United States, rendered in pursuance of the resolution of this House of the 25th ultimo, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter

from the post-master-general, enclosing a list of contracts made at the general post-office on behalf of the United States, during the year 1816, which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Little,

Resolved, That the Acting Secretary of War cause to be laid before this House the official report made to the adjutant and inspector-general, and by whom made, of the mutiny said to have taken place at Norfolk, of a part of the late 38th United States' regiment of infantry, together with the names and number of those concerned in said mutiny.

On motion of Mr. Edwards,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws imposing duties on distilleries so as to allow persons distilling spirits from fruit, the option of paying the duty on the quantity distilled.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the state and usual disposition of the funds under control of the district court of the United States, and into the expediency of requiring from the officers of those courts additional securites in relation to such funds.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill supplementary to an act granting extra pay and bounty in land to certain Canadian volunteers, be discharged from a further consideration of the same, and that it be committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the report of the

committee on the Judiciary, on the salary of the judge of the sixth judicial district, be discharged from a further consideration of the said report, and that it be recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

An engrossed bill entitled, "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1817," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States during the year 1817, and on the several other bills committed to the same committee of the whole House; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the said bill making appropriations for the support of the navy, together with the bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the the year 1817; and the bill making additional appropriations to defray the expenses of the army and militia during the late war with Great Britain, with amendments to each; but not having time to go through the several other bills referred to them, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said committee have leave to sit again.

The amendments to the said bills were read and severally concurred in by the House, and the said bills respectively ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 17, 1816.

Mr. Webster presented a petition of Benjamin L. Swan, on behalf of himself and others, merchants of the cities of New-York, Boston, and Savannah, praying for a remission of the forfeiture incurred by them on the importation of a quantity of British merchandise, during the late war with Great Britain, for the reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Webster also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Northampton, in New-Hampshire, praying that the mails may not be transported or opened on Sundays, which was referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from the town of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Smith of Md. presented a petition of Tobias E. Stansbury, junior, and William Stansbury, praying compensation for their property destroyed by the British forces during the late war, in consequence of their houses being occupied by the American troops as barracks.

On motion of Mr. Powell,

Ordered, That the petition of Arthur L. Campbell, presented on the 19th November, 1812, be referred to the Secretary of War.

The Speaker presented a report of a committee appointed by the citizens of Pittsburgh, in Pennsylvania, to inquire into the state of the manufactures in that city and its immediate vicinity, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kilbourn presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of London, in Madison county, in the

State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of James Caldwell, of the State of Ohio, praying compensation for supplies furnished the army of the United States, commanded by general Wilkinson in the year 1792.

Mr. Creighton presented a petition of George W. Jackson, paymaster to the 19th regiment of infantry during the late war, praying that the accounting officers may be authorized and directed to settle his accounts upon the principles of equity and justice, as he lost his vouchers in a violent gale of wind while crossing lake Erie.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee of Claims.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, and that it be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill supplementary to an act entitled, "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War and Navy Departments," which was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the petition of captain Teakle Savage, reported a bill authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Teakle Savage and others, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Birdseye,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cady,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Cilley,
Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Cook,
Cooper,
Crawford,
Culpepper,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Goldsborough,
Hale,
Hall,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Heister,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Hungerford,
Irwin, Pa.
Jackson,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Kent,
Kilbourn,
King,
Mr. Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Little,
Love,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Hugh Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Peter,
Piper,
Powell,
Rice,
Roane,
Root,
Sharp,
Smith, Penn.
Smith, Va.
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tate,
Taul,
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Williams.....89.

A motion was then made by Mr. Ingham to amend the said resolution so as to make it read,

Resolved, That the duty on carriages and harness be repealed.

Resolved, That the duty on auctions be repealed.

Resolved, That the duty on stamps be repealed.

Resolved, That the duty on licenses to retailers be repealed.

Resolved, That the duty on refined sugar be repealed.

And debate arising thereon,

The House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 18, 1817.

Mr. Baylies presented a petition of Seth Sprague, praying to be allowed the bounty on a fishing voyage, which is withheld for reasons stated in the petition.

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. Parris presented a statement of the case of the United States libellants, vs. the brig Hollon and cargo, signed by W. P. Preble, attorney of the United States for the District of Maine, in relation to the petition of Benjamin L. Swan and others, which was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Parris presented a petition of John G. Brown, of St. Johns, in the British province of New-Brunswick, stating that the Secretary of the Treasury having remitted a forfeiture incurred by him, subsequent to the payment of the same into the Treasury, he is unable to receive his money except by an appropriation for that purpose; and praying that the said appropriation may be made.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Langdon presented a petition of Aaron Bel-

lamy, praying compensation for a boat lost in the public service during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Barbour presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Fauquier, in Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Robertson presented a resolution of the legislature of the Territory of Missouri, requesting that some mode may be pointed out to enable claimants to obtain copies of records and title papers filed in the recorder's office.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred the committee of the whole House on the bill to establish additional land offices in the Missouri Territory, and to settle the claims to village and town lots therein.

Ordered, That the petition of Elizabeth Wadsworth, and the report of the Secretary of the Navy thereon, be referred to Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Yates, and Mr. Ross.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, reported the following resolution,

Resolved, That it is not expedient to multiply the number of newspapers in which the acts of Congress should be published.

This resolution was read and agreed to by the House.

Mr Hugh Nelson from the same committee, reported a bill providing an additional compensation to the circuit judge of the sixth circuit of the United States, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the

second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Andrew Moore, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, also made a report on the petition of Cartwright Tippet, Richard Spalding, and John B. Goddard, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Sharp, from the committee on Private Land Claims, made a report on the petition of madame Renaut Maynaud de Pancemont, and her husband Francois Maynaud de Pancemont, by their agent Philip Mercier, which report was read: When,

Mr. Sharp reported a bill confirming certain lands in the Territory of Illinois, to the heirs of Philip Renaut, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of Gabriel Winter.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee of Elections made the following report:

That they have examined the certificate of election of James Kilbourn, who is returned as a representative from the State of Ohio, and find the same sufficient to entitle him to a seat in this House.

Mr. Condict, from the committee on Expenditures on the Public Buildings, made a report, containing estimates of expenses to be incurred in re-erecting the public edifices, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ingham, from the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, reported on a bill freeing from postage all letters and packets to and from James Madison, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the petition of William Farr, and John Maxwell, with the report of the Secretary of the Navy thereon, made a report, which was read and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of William Farr and John Maxwell, and that the said petition and the accompanying documents be referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting certain papers relating to Alexander Mills, an applicant for a pension, which were referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker also laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the petition of sundry merchants and owners of vessels in the district of Richmond, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the post-master-general, transmitting a list of the clerk's employed in his office during the year 1816, with the salary allowed to each, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker communicated to the House a letter from the governor of New-Hampshire, informing that he had transmitted through the collector of the customs for the port of Portsmouth,

a map of the State of New-Hampshire, for the use of this House.

On motion of Mr. King,

Resolved, That the committee on Foreign Relations be instructed to report to this House such measures as they may judge necessary to regulate the importation of plaster of Paris, and to countervail the regulations of any other nation, injurious to our own, relating to that trade.

The House again resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Williams, to abolish the internal duties; and the question recurred on the amendment proposed yesterday by Mr. Ingham: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Root, to amend the said amendment, so as to confine the proposed repeal of the duties on carriages and harness, to such as do not exceed one hundred dollars in value.

A motion was then made by Mr. Bateman, that the resolution and the amendments proposed thereto, be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas....59 / Nays....94 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Archer,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Mr. Betts,
Breckenridge,
Brooks,
Brown,
Cady,
Caldwell,

Mr. Calhoun,
Carr, Ms.
Chappell,
Condict,
Conner,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gold,
Goodwyn,
Harrison,
Hulbert,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Kerr, Va.
Lowndes,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Jer. Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Newton,
Mr. Pleasants,
Pickering,
Robertson,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Md.
Stearns,
Tallmadge,
Taylor, N. Y.
Telfair,
Townsend,
Ward, Ms.
Webster,
Wendover,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Thos. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey,
Yates.....59.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Alexander,
Atherton,
Baer,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cannon,
Champion,
Clarke, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Mr. Cook,
Crawford,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Findley,
Fletcher,
Goldsborough,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hardin,
Heister,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Huger,

Mr. Hungerford,
Irvin, Pa.
Jackson,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kilbourn,
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Little,
Love,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
M'Lean,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Hugh Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Mr. Peter,
Pickens,
Piper,
Powell,
Randolph,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,
Root,
Sharp,
Smith, Va.
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Taul,
Taylor, S. C.
Thomas,
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Williams,
Wm. Wilson.....94.

The question then recurred on Mr. Root's amendment: Whereupon,

Mr. Root withdrew the same.

The question was then taken on the amendment moved yesterday by Mr. Ingham,

And determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the resolution as originally proposed: When,

A division thereof was called for by Mr. Webster.

And then the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 1817.

Mr. Southard presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Baskingridge, in the State of New-Jersey, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Ross presented a petition of William Smith, praying for a grant of the land to which he conceives himself entitled for his services as a soldier in the revolutionary army, as also, that provision may be made for his future support.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Smith, of Md presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of alum and copperas on Magothy river, in the State of Maryland, praying that additional duties may be imposed on those articles imported into the United States, which was referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill imposing additional duties on iron in bars and bolts imported into the United States.

Mr Wilde presented documents in relation to a claim of John Carr, to a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory, which were referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Clendennin presented a petition of Enoch Barnum, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr Condict, from the committee on Expenditures on the Public Buildings, made a report on

the petition of Daniel Pettibone, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the 7th ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of directing the application of the funds arising under the acts of Congress for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, at the port of Richmond, in aid of the funds of the corporation of that city, towards the erection and support of a marine hospital, made a report thereon, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Crawford, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act directing the discharge of Lewis Olmstead from imprisonment.

An act to repeal the second section of an act concerning the pay of officers, seamen and marines in the navy of the United States.

An act providing for the division of certain quarter sections in future sales of the public lands.

An act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United Statss, in the city of Washington

An act in addition to "An act for the relief of George T. Ross, and Daniel T. Patterson, and the officers and men lately under their command." And

An act for the relief of Jacint Laval.

And had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the

Judiciary, reported a bill concerning the compensation of the district attorney, for the district of Massachusetts, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The bill supplementary to the act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statement of the balances which have remained due more than three years prior to the 30th of September, 1816, on the books of the accountant of the Navy Department, which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Clendennin,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Moses Eldred, late a private soldier of the militia of Ohio, on the pension roll.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing Walter Dixon, a private soldier of the militia of Ohio, on the pension roll.

On motion of Mr. Conner,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the post-route from Anson to Solon, in the District of Maine.

On motion of Mr. Atherton,

The House proceeded to consider the proposition to amend the rules and orders of the House submitted by him on the 8th instant; and the same

being amended, was agreed to by the House, as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the several committees on Public Expenditures, to inquire whether any offices belonging to the branches or departments, respectively, concerning whose expenditures it is their duty to inquire, have become useless or unnecessary, and to report from time to time on the expediency of modifying or abolishing the same; also, to examine into the pay and emoluments of all offices under the laws of the United States; and to report from time to time such a reduction or increase thereof, as a just economy and the public service may require."

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of Allan M'Lane, and the resolution therein contained was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is unsupported, and ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Jackson moved to amend the said resolution so as to make the same read as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Ingham, to commit the said report, together with the petition, to a select committee.

A motion was then made by Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. to recommit the said report and petition to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

And the question being taken on this motion,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion to recommit the said report to a select committee.

And was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Jackson,

And determined also in the negative.

The question was then taken on concurring in the resolution recommended by the committee of Pensions and Revolutionary Claims,

And passed in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr Speaker—The Senate have passed bills of the following titles: "An act respecting the transportation of persons of colour, for sale, or to be held to labour;" and "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the supreme court," in which they request the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House again resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Williams, to abolish the internal duties: When,

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The said resolution was amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That the several acts imposing internal duties be repealed, and that the committee of Ways and Means be directed to report a bill for that purpose.

The question was then stated to agree to the resolution as amended: When,

A motioin was made by Mr. Sheffey, further to amend the resolution, by inserting after the word "*Resolved*," these words "*That the army of the United States be reduced to six thousand men.*"

And debate arising thereon,

The House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 20, 1817.

Mr Atherton presented petitions from inhabitants of the towns of Antrim and Hillsborough, in New-Hampshire, praying that the mails may not be transported or opened on Sundays.

Mr. Mills presented a similar petition from inhabitants of Hampshire, south district, in Massachusetts.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from inhabitants of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr Gold presented a petition of John Troop, of the city of New-York, merchant, praying for the remission of the forfeiture of his vessel and cargo, for reasons stated in the petition;

Mr. Pope presented a resolution of the legislature of the Illinois Territory, requesting that additional duties may be imposed on lead imported into the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition and resolution be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Thomas Wilson presented a petition of Stephen Champlin, a lieutenant in the navy of the United States, praying compensation for his private property of which he was robbed by the British officers upon the capture of the vessel he commanded on lake Huron, during the late war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Thomas Wilson also presented a petition of sundry members of the general assembly of Pennsylvania, praying that a district and circuit

court of the United States, may be established at the city of Pittsburg, in that State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. M'Lean presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Grayson county, in Kentucky, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Pope presented a petition of Benjamin Bouche and others, late inhabitants of the British province of Canada, and who, from their attachment to the United-States, were compelled to leave that province during the late war, and abandon their property, and praying such relief in the premises, as Congress may deem it expedient to afford them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Claims.

Mr. Pope also presented a petition of Charles Sanguinet, praying that his title to a tract of land in the Missouri Territory, may be confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Herbert, from the committee for the District of Columbia, reported a bill to authorize the extension of the Columbian turnpike road within the District of Columbia, which was read the first and second time, and ordered to engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Epaphras L. Phelps, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, from the committee on Roads and Canals, made a further report, which was read: When,

Mr. Wilson, reported a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe in behalf of the United Stares, for shares in the capital stock of certain canal companies therein mentioned, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting the information required by the resolution of the 15th instant, relative to a mutiny in the late 38th regiment of infantry, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting information relative to the Claims of the State of Massachusetts, for payment of the expenses of the militia ordered out by the executive authority of that State during the late war, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the post-master-general, transmitting a list of the unproductive post-routes, which were referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what measures may be necessary to be adopted in consequence of the great failure of the corn crop in the past year.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be reported to the next session of Congress, such measures as he may deem most effectual for the security of the country watered by the Chesapeake Bay and its

tributary streams, against the maritime force of an enemy.

Mr. Goldsborough, and Mr. Bassett, were appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the select committee on the petitions of Samuel Thompson and John Daily, and the said report being read, was again ordered to lie on the table.

The House again resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Williams, to abolish the internal duties; and the question recurred on the amendment moved by Mr. Sheffey: Whereupon,

Mr Sheffey withdrew the same.

A motion was then made by Mr. Jackson, to lay the said resolution on the table.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas....77 / Nays....78 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Archer,
Atherton,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Bennett,
Betts,
Birdseye,
Breckenridge,
Brooks,
Brown,
Caldwell,
Mr. Calhoun,
Carr, Md.
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Condict,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Findley,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gold,
Goodwyn,
Griffin,
Harrison,

Mr. Huger,
Hulbert,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Johnson, Ky.
Kerr, Va.
Little,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
M'Lean,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Jer. Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Newton,
Ormsby,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Pleasants,
Robertson,
Ross,
Mr. Ruggles,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Md.
Southard,
Stearns,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Townsend,
Ward, Ms.
Webster,
Wendover,
Wilde,
Willoughby,
Tho. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey,
Yates.....77.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Baer,
Baylies,
Birdsall,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cannon,
Champion,
Cilley,
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Cook,
Cooper,
Crawford,
Culpepper,
Mr. Davenport,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Goldsborough,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hardin,
Heister,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Hungerford,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Kent,
Kilbourn,

Mr. Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Hungerford,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Kent,
Kilbourn,
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Love,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Moseley,
Hugh Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Mr. Peter,
Pickens,
Piper,
Powell,
Randolph,
Reed,
Roane,
Root,
Sharp,
Smith, Va.
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Tate,
Taul,
Thomas,
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Williams.....83.

A motion was then made by Mr. Pickens, to amend the said resolution by inserting after the word "*duties*" these words "And the act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries."

And the question being taken to agree to this amendment,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas .....91 / Nays.....67 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Atherton,
Baer,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Breckenridge,
Brown,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cady,
Calhoun,
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Condict,
Conner,
Cooper,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Findley,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Gold,
Goldsborough,
Griffin,
Hall,
Harrison,
Heister,
Herbert,
Hopkinson,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Jewett,
Kent,
Mr. Kerr, Va.
Law,
Lewis,
Love,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyon,
Wm. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Peter,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Pleasants,
Roane,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Penn.
Southard,
Stearns,
Stuart,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Tate,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Townsend,
Webster,
Wendover,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Willoughby,
Wm. Wilson,

Woodward,
Yancey,
Yates.....91.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Archer,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brooks,
Caldwell,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Champion,
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Cook,
Crawford,
Davenport,
Desha,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hardin,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Hooks,
Hulbert,
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Kilbourn,
King,
Mr. Langdon,
Little,
Lyle,
Wm. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Lean,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Moseley,
Newton,
Ormsby,
Piper,
Powell,
Randolph,
Reed,
Root,
Sharp,
Smith, Md.
Smith, Va.
Strong,
Sturges,
Taul,
Thomas,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Williams,
Thos. Wilson.....67.

Mr. Mills moved further to amend the said resolution, by inserting after the word "*repealed*" the following words: "And also, that the duties at present imposed on brown sugar, coffee, bohea,

souchong and other black teas, and distilled spirits imported into the United States, be reduced one half;" and also, after the word "*bill*" to insert "*or bills*."

The question being stated thereon,

A division thereof was called for; and stated upon the first member thereof, to wit: on "brown sugar"

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 21, 1817.

Mr. Bradbury presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, complaining of a late act of the governments of the British provinces of Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, which subjects plaster of Paris to a duty of twenty shillings sterling per ton if exported to any part of the United States east of Boston, which act also, prohibits the exportation of that article except in British ships; and praying that such regulations may be adopted as will countervail the injurious operation of the said act, which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Baker presented a petition of Gideon Leeds, collector of the customs for the district and port of Great Egg Harbour, praying for an increase of his compensation.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr Baker also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New-Jersey, praying that Camden, in the said State, may be made a port of entry

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. presented a petition of

Patrick Leonard, praying for a pension, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lyle presented a petition of the legislature of the Illinois Territory, praying that pre-emption rights in the purchase of lands, may be extended to certain inhabitants of that Territory.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Piper presented a petition of Mary Ann Scott, praying payment for a quarter-master's certificate issued to her aneestor during the revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims

Mr. Caldwell presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Coshocton, Lecking, Franklin, Madison and Montgomery counties, in Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Mr Hendricks presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of Kentucky and Indiana, also, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Robertson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the western land district of the State of Louisiana, whose claims have been rejected by the board of commissioners, and praying for a revision of the decisions of the said commissioners.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill respecting the district court of the United States, in the northern district of New-York, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole

House on the bill providing for the redemption of the public debt.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, to which was committed the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act for the relief of John Haslett," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was committed the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act granting a pension to commodore Richard Taylor," reported the same with amendments, which were read, and together with the bill committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill concerning invalid pensioners.

Mr. Chappell, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of David Ross, for himself and in behalf of the legal representatives of George Webb, deceased, which was read, and the resolutions therein contained are as follow:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners so far as it relates to claims of further credits on the bond of Mr. Webb, ought *not* to be granted.

Resolved, That the proper officer of the Treasury Department take the necessary steps for terminating the suit instituted against Geoge Webb and others, of Virginia, and that when determined, he proceed forthwith to the collection of whatever amount may appear to be due the United States.

The first of the said resolutions were agreed to, and the second ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Chappell, from the same committee, also reported a bill directing the transfer of unclaimed pensions, and limiting their payment at the Treasury only, which was read the first and second

time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill authorizing the sale of a fraction of land in the district of Vincennes, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill to establish additional land-offices in the Territory of Missouri.

Mr. Hulbert, from the committee to which was referred the petition of the Berkshire Association for the promotion of Agriculture and Manufactures, made a report thereon, which was read: When,

Mr. Hulbert reported a bill to establish a national board of agriculture, which was read the firstand second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. from the committee on Military Affairs, made unfavourable reports on the following subjects referred to that committee during the session, to wit:

On the petition of Archibald M'Donald.

On the petition of James Babbitt.

On the petition of James H. Rose.

On the petition of Isidore Rinensio.

On the petition of Nimrod Young.

On the petition of Henry Bradley.

On the resolution of the 30th ultimo, proposing an allowance of bounty land to soldiers who enlisted previous to the commencement of the late war.

On the resolution of the 15th ultimo, proposing an allowance of the extra pay and bounty to the representatives of such soldiers as died before being mustered in their regiment.

On the resolution of the 27th of December, last,

proposing to amend the act of the last session, making further provision for military services during the late war.

Ordered, That the said reports lie on the table.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill to regulate the trade in plaster of Paris, which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives of the United States, to notify the honourable James Monroe, of his election to the office of President of the United States, for the ensuing term of four years: and that the Speaker of this House cause a similar notice to be given to the honourable Daniel D. Tompkins, of his election to the office of Vice-President of the United States, for the same term

Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Pitkin, were appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Yates,

Resolved, That the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-road from the town of Madison, in Madison county, State of New-York, to the Sullivan post-office at the Chittenango creek, by the way of the village of Peterborough, in the same county.

On motion of Mr. Betts,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims inquire into the expediency of allowing to Obadiah Cunningham, the amount of a loan-office certificate No. 62, with interest, signed Francis Hopkinson, treasurer of loans, and

issued December 21, 1779, to Robert Hoops or bearer.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act to establish a separate territorial government for the eastern part of the Mississippi Territory;" and "An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive;" and the bill from the House entitled, "An act concerning the navigation of the United States," with amendments, in which bills and amendments they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting two hundred copies of the register of the officers of the Navy, for the use of the members of this House

The House again resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Williams, to abolish the internal duties; and the question recurred on the first member of the amendment proposed yesterday by Mr. Mills: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr Thomas, to postpone the further consideration of the said resolution and the amendments thereto depending, until the second day of March next.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas.....82 / Nays.....73 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Archer,
Atherton,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Bennett,
Betts,
Birdseye,
Breckenridge,
Brown,
Caldwell,
Calhoun,
Carr, Ms.
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Condict,
Conner,
Creighton,
Crocheron,
Findley,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Gold,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Harrison,
Heister,
Hopkinson,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Mr. Little,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
M'Lean,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Jer. Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Newton,
Ormsby,
Pickering,
Pleasants,
Rice,
Robertson,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Schenck,
Smith, Penn.
Southard,
Stearns,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Thomas,
Townsend,
Ward, Ms.
Webster,
Wendover,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Willoughby,
Thos. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey,
Yates.....82.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Baylies,
Birdsall,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cady,
Cannon,
Champion,
Cilley,
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Cook,
Cooper,
Crawford,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Goldsborough,
Hale,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hooks,
Hungerford,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Kilbourn,
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Mr. Lewis,
Love,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Kee,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Moseley,
Hugh Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Peter,
Pickens,
Piper,
Powell,
Reed,
Roane,
Sharp,
Smith, Va.
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Tyler,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Williams.....73.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish a separate territorial government for the eastern part of the Mississippi Territory," was read the first and second time and committed to

the committee of the whole House, on the bill for the division of the Mississippi Territory and for the admission of the western section thereof, into the Union as a State.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the supreme court," was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill to provide for the redemption of the public debt of the United States.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act respecting the transportation of persons of colour, for sale, or to be held to labour," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee on the African slave trade.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the treaty of the 9th of August, 1814, to certain chiefs and warriors of the Creek Indians.

The amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill entitled, "An act concerning the navigation of the United States," were read and referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making provision for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year 1817;

An act making additional appropriations to defray the expenses of the army and militia, during the late war with Great Britain;

An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1817;

An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to and from James Madison;

An act supplementary to an act entitled, "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments;"

An act repealing the act entitled, "An act for the safe keeping and accommodation of prisoners of war," passed July 6, 1812;

An act concerning the compensation of the district attorney, for the district of Massachusetts;

An act to authorize the extension of the Columbian turnpike road within the District of Columbia;

Were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill concerning the invalid pensioners, to which was also committed the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act granting a pension to commodore Richard Taylor;" and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jackson reported the said bills with amendments to each.

The amendments to the first-mentioned bill were read, and concurred in by the House, and the said bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendments to the last-mentioned bill were also read and concurred in by the House; and ordered to be engrossed and, together with the bill, to be read a third time to-morrow.

The House took up the bill authorizing the establishment of a National Armoury: And

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, of Maryland, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The House also took up the bill respecting the pay and emoluments of certain officers of the army of the United States, and ordered the same to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House also took up the bill to amend the act entitled "An act making further provision for military services during the late war and for other purposes," and the amendments reported thereto, from the committee of the whole House on the 5th instant, were read and concurred in, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House also took up the bill concerning the invalids of the revolutionary war, and the widows and children of the militia and the soldiers of the army during the late war, and the amendments reported thereto, from the committee of the whole House on the 5th instant, being read and the question stated to agree thereto,

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And debate arising thereon,

The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 22, 1817.

Mr. Hale presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Portsmouth, in the State of New-Hampshire, praying to the same effect with the petition presented yesterday by Mr. Bradbury, from inhabitants of the District of Maine.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill to regulate the trade in plaster of Paris.

Mr. Taggart presented petitions from inhabi-

tants of Hampshire, South. and Essex Districts, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the mails may not be transported or opened on Sundays

Mr. Stearns presented a similar petition from inhabitants of Essex and Middlesex Districts in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from the inhabitants of Southampton, in the said State.

Mr Jewett presented a petition of Eliphalet Steele, confined in prison in the city of Albany and State of New-York, at the suit of the United States, praying to be released from confinement.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Middleton, presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of South-Carolina, requesting that further measures may be adopted for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. presented a petition of Samuel Cheny, praying for a pension, having been disabled while in the naval service.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Alexander presented a petition of James M'Pherson, praying compensation for a quantity of his property destroyed by the troops of the United States during the late war with Great Britain; which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of James Villere; which was read: When

Mr. Yancey reported a bill for the relief of the said James Villere; which was read the first and

second time and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of Caze and Richaud.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the several petitions, and other matters referred to them at the present session, and upon which they have not reported.

Mr. Ingham, from the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, reported a bill to alter and establish certain post roads; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Daniel Simonds, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Pickering, from the committee on the African slave trade, to which was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An respecting the transportation of persons of colour, for sale, or to be held to labour," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee on Foreign Relations, to which was committed the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the navigation of the United States," reported their agreement thereto.

The said amendments were then read at the Clerk's table and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act concerning invalid pensioners;

An act to amend the act entitled, "An act

making further provision for military services during the late war and for other purposes;" And

An act respecting the pay and emoluments of certain officers of the army of the United States.

Were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act granting a pension to commodore Richard Taylor," was read the third time, as amended, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill concerning the invalids of the revolutionary war, and the widows and children of the militia and the soldiers of the army during the late war; and the question recurred on the motion made yesterday by Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. to postpone the said bill indefinitely.

And being taken,

It passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds,

The House took up the bill making an appropriation for opening and cutting out a road therein described: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Cady, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely; which motion was rejected by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. King, that the bill be recommitted to the committee of the whole House; this motion was also rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee ap-

pointed on the 20th instant, to present a resolution to the President of the United States, adopted on that day, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered, that it would not be in *his* power to comply with the request contained in the resolution, but that he had no doubt his successor in office would bestow upon it that attention which its importance required.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have concurred in the amendments proposed by this House to the bill entitled, "An act granting a pension to commodore Richard Taylor." They have passed bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act to provide for the purchase and distribution of the laws of the United States:" and "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Cazeau, late merchant at Montreal," in which bills they request the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of infirm, disabled and superannuated officers and soldiers, and on the several other bills committed thereto; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Condict reported the bill for the relief of certain officers; the bill making donations of land to the disbanded officers of the late army of the United States; and the bill to amend the act entitled, "An act granting bounties in land and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers," passed on the 5th of March, 1816, with amendments to the latter; and asked leave for the committee of the whole House to sit again.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief of certain

officers be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill to amend the act entitled "An act granting bounties in land and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers, were read and concurred in by the House; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Ordered: That the bill making donations of land to the disbanded officers of the late army of the United States, lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House, a letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting the application of Isaac Durand for an increase of his pension; which were referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The Speaker also laid before the House a report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Maryland, referred to him on the 14th instant; which was read and referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, February 24, 1817.

Mr. Marsh presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the towns of Brookfield and Montpelier, in the State of Vermont, praying that the mails may not be opened or transported on Sundays.

Mr. Bateman presented a similiar petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, in the State of New-Jersey, which petitions were referred to the committee appointed on a similar petition from the inhabitants of Southampton, in Massachusetts.

Mr. Marsh presented a petition of Levi Bellows, of the State of Vermont, praying for the remission of a part of the duties imposed on his distillery, for the reasons stated in his petition, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Md. presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, praying for the aid and protection of the general government in favour of the mercantile and manufacturing interest of the country

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Hendricks presented a petition of Bernhard Steiner, of Switzerland, in Europe, praying permission to purchase two townships of land in the State of Indiana, on condition of his settling the same with emigrants from his country; and paying one eighth part of the money for the same at the time of purchase, one eighth in two years, and the balance in ten years.

Ordered, That the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. Pope presented a resolution of the legislature of the Terrritory of Missouri, requesting that certain companies of rangers raised in said Territory, may be allowed their full pay; and that certain other rangers may also be allowed some compensation, as they were discharged in consequence of a greater number having enlisted than was required by law.

Mr. Pope presented another resolution of the legislature of the said Territory, requesting that the right of pre-emption in the purchase of land may be extended to such of the inhabitants of that Territory, as lost their property by removing from the frontiers by order of governor Howard.

Mr. Pope also presented another resolution of

the legislature of the said Territory, soliciting the establishment of additional post-routes therein.

Ordered, That the said resolutions lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill supplementary to "An act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage," which was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Acting Secretary of War, transmitting a statement showing the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the military establishment for the year 1816, which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Harrison,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby instructed to report to this House at their next session, the number and conditions of the contracts which have been made for the supply of arms for the United States, since the adoption of the present constitution, specifying the loss, if any, which the public have sustained by the non-fulfilment of such contracts, or by the advance of money on account of the same; together with any other information he may possess tending to show the advantages or disadvantages attending that mode of obtaining arms, compared with that of national armouries; and that he report therewith, the amount of money expended in each of the present national armouries, the number and species of arms there manufactured, and the number and species of arms repaired.

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Md.

Resolved, That a joint committe of the two Houses of Congress, be appointed to examine and report to their respective Houses what business is

pending before them, and which it is indispensable to act upon previous to the adjournment.

Mr. Smith, of Md. and Mr. Yancey, were appointed of the committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith

On motion of Mr. Wilkin,

Resolved, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to Joseph Morrel, the amount of certificate No. 12,171, signed Timothy Pickering, issued on the 1st January 1782.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of infirm, disabled and superannuated officers and soldiers; and the bill making provision for three additional military academies, be discharged from a further consideration of the same, and that the said bills be postponed indefinitely.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to enable the people of the western part of the Mississippi Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States; to which commitee of the whole House was also committed the bill from the Senate for the same purpose and of the same title; as also, the bill of this House for the admission of the whole Territory into the Union as a State on an equal footing with the original States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported the bill from the Senate without amendment, and asked leave for the committee of the whole House to sit again on the residue of the order.

Ordered, That said the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill from the Senate: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Pickens, to strike out all the said bill after the enacting clause, and in lieu thereof, to insert the bill reported by a select committee of this House on the 17th ultimo, for the admission of the whole Territory into the Union as a State.

And on the question—"Shall the bill be so amended?"

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Taylor, of N Y. that the said bill, together with the bills of this House abovementioned, be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas....62 / Nays....80 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Atherton,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Birdseye,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brown,
Bryan,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Cilley
Clayton,
Cooper,
Mr. Crawford,
Davenport,
Dickens,
Forney,
Gaston,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hale,
Heister,
Hopkinson,
Ingham,
Jewett,
Kent,
Langdon,
Law,

Mr. Lyon,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Jer. Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Reed,
Rice,
Ruggles,
Smith, Pa.
Mr. Smith, Md.
Stearns,
Strong,
Stuart,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Vose,
Ward, Ms.
Webster,
Wheaton,
Wilcox,
Wm. Wilson,
Yancey.....62.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Archer,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Blount,
Brooks,
Calhoun,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clarke, N. C.
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Condict,
Cook,
Creighton,
Culpepper,
Desha,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Forsyth,
Gold,
Mr. Goodwyn,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Hooks,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Hungerford,
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Kerr, Va.
King,
Little,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,
Middleton,
Miller,
Moore,
Hugh Nelson,
Newton,
Parris,

Mr. Peter,
Pleasants,
Powell,
Reynolds,
Roane,
Robertson,
Root,
Ross,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sheffey,
Smith, Va.
Taul,
Mr. Thomas,
Tyler,
Wallace,
Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Williams,
Willoughby,
Thos. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yates.....80.

A motion was then made by Mr. Taylor, of N. Y. to amend the said bill, by inserting in the 4th section thereof, after the words "*United States*," in the 9th line of that section, these words:

And that in case the said convention shall form a constitution and state government for the people of the said Territory of Mississippi, the said convention, as soon thereafter, as may be, is hereby required to cause to be transmitted to Congress, a true and attested copy of such constitution or frame of state government, as shall be formed and provided by the said convention; and if the same shall not be disapproved by Congress at its next session after the receipt thereof, the said State shall be admitted into the Union upon the same footing with the original States.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the purchase and distribution of the laws of the United States," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for

the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Cazeau, late merchant at Montreal," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making an appropriation for opening and cutting out a road therein described;

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act granting bounties in land and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers," passed on the 5th March, 1816; And

An act for the relief of certain officers; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid and that the Clerk carry the same to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy, be discharged from a further consideration of the same, and that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did on the 22d instant, approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to repeal the second section of an act entitled "An act concerning the pay of officers, seamen and marines in the navy of the United States;

An act directing the discharge of Lewis Olmsted from imprisonment;

An act providing for the division of certain quarter sections in future sales of the public lands;

An act in addition to an act for the relief of

George T. Ross and Daniel T. Patterson, and the officers and men lately under their command;

An act for the relief of Jacint Laval;

An act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington.

The Senate have passed bills from this House, of the following titles:

An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war;

An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment; And

An act for the relief of Park Holland.

And they have also passed bills of the following titles:

An act to provide for the punishment of crimes and offences committed within the Indian boundaries;

An act making reservation of certain public lands to supply timber for naval purposes;

An act to authorize the appointment of a surveyor for the lands on the northern part of the Mississippi Territory, and the sale of certain lands therein described;

An act authorizing vessels departing from the town of the Bayou St. John and Basin of the Canal de Carondelet for foreign ports, to clear out at the custom-house in New-Orleans;

An act in addition to an act, entitled "An act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States;

An act to divide the State of Pennsylvania into two judicial districts; And

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John J. Yarnall, deceased; in which bills

they ask the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to authorize the settlement and payment of certain claims for the service of the militia; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Md. reported the said bill with amendments.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments: When

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

The said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to provide for the punishment of crimes and offences committed within the Indian boundaries," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee on Indian Affairs.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act making reservation of certain public lands to supply timber for naval purposes," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate entitled, An act to authorize the appointment of a surveyor for the lands in the northern part of the Mississippi Territory, and the sale of certain lands therein described," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

The bill from the Senate entitled "An act authorizing the vessels departing from the town of the Bayou St. John and Basin of the Canal de Carondelet, for foreign ports, to clear out at the custom-house in New-Orleans," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to divide the State of Pennsylvania into two judicial

districts," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate entitled "An act in addition to an act entitled, an act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill from the Senate entitled, "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John J. Yarnall, deceased," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was read the third time accordingly and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter," and on the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole House, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jackson reported that the committee had made some progress in the several bills to them committed, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said committee of the whole House have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 25th, 1817.

The Speaker presented a letter addressed to him by Harry Toulmin, judge of the superior court of the United States, for the Mississippi Territory, enclosing certain depositions in relation to the charges made against him by Edwin Lewis,

of that Territory, which letter and depositions were referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill to provide for the furnishing the House of the President of the United States, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole house on the bill to provide for the redemption of the public debt.

Ordered, That the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of Niles and Chandler, be discharged from the further consideration of the said petition, and that it lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual abstract of the official emoluments and expenditures for the year 1816, of the officers of the customs, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of United States, transmitting the annual statements of his accounts, which were also ordered to lie on the table.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Hugh Nelson.

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of lessening the duties upon wines, imported from France, and other foreign countries, and report to this House thereupon.

The said resolution was read,

And on the question—"Will the House *now* consider the same?"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Forsyth,

Resolved, That the committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the ex-

pediency of making Darien, in the State of Georgia, a port of entry and delivery.

Ordered, That the committee of Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Garrow and Williamson, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

The bill reported yesterday by the committee of Ways and Means, supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the report of the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, on the petition of Ann Welsh; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported that the committee had made some progress in the said report, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

The question was then taken—"Shall the said committee of the whole House have leave to sit again?"

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said report lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill for the relief of Isaac Lawrence and others, merchants, residing in the city of New-York; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the said bill with amendments, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to provide for the redemption of the public debt; and on the several other

bills committed to the said committee of the whole House; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jackson reported the said bill to provide for the redemption of the public debt; also, the bill respecting the assessment and collection of the direct tax; the bill authorizing the deposit of the papers of foreign vessels with the consuls of their respective nations; the bill to repeal so much of any acts now in force, as authorizes a loan of money, or an issue of Treasury notes; the bill from the Senate to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts; and the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the State of Georgia, fifteen per cent. upon the quota of direct tax for the year 1816, assumed and paid by that State, with amendments to each, except the latter, and asked leave for the committee of the whole House to sit again on the residue of the order.

Ordered, That the said committee of the whole House have leave to sit again.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary;

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed bills from this House of the following titles, viz. "An act to amend the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed the 9th of April, 1816; and "An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to and from James Madison," with amendments to the former, in which they ask the concurrence of this House. The Senate concur in the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to examine and report what business is pending before Congress, and what it is

indispensable to act upon previous to their adjournment

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill to provide for the redemption of the public debt, which being read, were concurred in by the House.

Mr Johnson, of Va. moved further to amend the said bill by striking out from the third section the following words: "*which shall be considered as an advance to that amount, on the appropriation* of ten millions, payable *in the next year;*" and in lieu thereof, to insert as follows: "*which together with the nine millions of dollars herein appropriated,* if necessary, shall be considered as an advance to the amount on the appropriation of ten millions *payable in the three succeeding years.*"

And the question being taken to agree to the said amendment.

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill to repeal so much of any acts now in force, as authorizes a loan of money or an issue of Treasury notes, was read and disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill respecting the assessment and collection of the direct tax, were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered. That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill authorizing the deposit

of the papers of foreign vessels with the consuls of their respective nations, were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow

Ordered, That the bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the State of Georgia, fifteen per centum upon the quota of direct tax for the year 1816, assumed and paid by that State, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of the public accounts;" and amendments made by the committee of the whole House to the amendments reported by the select committee, were read and concurred in.

The question was then taken to agree to all the said amendments reported by the select committee as amended, except so much thereof, as is contained in the 13th section of the same.

And passed in the affirmative.

The question was then stated to agree to the said 13th section.

And debate arising thereon,

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 1817.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Enfield and East Windsor, in the State of Connecticut, praying for the establishment of a post-route.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Mr. Condiet presented a petition of Benjamin

Henry Latrobe, surveyor of the Capitol of the United States, in the city of Washington, stating the reasons of his not being able to furnish in time to the committee on Expenditures on the Public Buildings, a detailed estimate of the moneys necessary to complete the Capitol, and praying that such steps may be taken as may enable him to place his conduct, respecting the estimate submitted and the plan of the Capitol, in its true light, which petition was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a petition of the Philadelphia Society for promoting American Manufactures, praying that such measures may be adopted as will enable the manufacturers within the United States to continue their operations.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Johnson, of Ky. presented a petition of Ferdinando Fairfax, confined in the jail of Washington county, in the District of Columbia, praying that the act limiting the time of the privilege of remaining within the bounds of the said prison may be repealed, and that such further provisions may be made for the comfort and accommodation of debtors confined in said jail as may be deemed expedient.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Kilbourn presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Champaign county, in the State of Ohio, on behalf of Absalom Clarke, praying the duties imposed on the distillery of the said Clark may be remitted, in consequence of the destruction thereof by fire, subsequent to the imposition of the said duties, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kilbourn also presented a petition of Bern-

hard Steiner, a copy of that presented on the 24th instant, from the said Steiner.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That Rufus Easton have leave to withdraw his petition contesting the election and return of John Scott, as the delegate in this House for the Territory of Missouri, together with the documents in support thereof.

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Forrest, presented on the 4th day of June, 1813, be referred to the Secretary of State.

Mr Robertson, from the committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act making reservation of certain public lands to supply timber for naval purposes," reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and together with the bill, read a third time to-day.

Mr. Robertson, from the same committee, to which was also referred the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to authorize the appointment of a surveyor for the lands in the northern part of the Mississippi Territory, and the sale of certain lands therein described," reported the same with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and together with the bill, read a third time to-morrow.

Mr H. Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act in addition to the act for the more convenient taking affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the

United States," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day

Mr. Condict, from the committee on the Expenditures on the Public Buildings, to whom was referred the letter and estimate of the commissioner in relation to the public square, made a report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of James J. Ryan, and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Montjoy Bayly, and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Ordered, That the said committee be also discharged from a further consideration of the resolution instructing them to inquire what further provision by law is requisite to enable riding masters of the revolutionary war to receive a bounty in land, equal to that allowed to other officers of the same rank.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee appointed by this House, to wait upon the honourable James Monroe, and inform him of his election to the office of President of the United States, reported that the committee had performed that service.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill entitled "An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts;" and the question recurred on concurring in the amendment of the select committee, proposing to add a new section to the same as the 13th section thereof, and the said 13th section being amended, to read as follows:

And provided further, That any person who may think himself aggrieved, by any warrant of distress issued by virtue of this act, may by his will in equity, making the attorney for the United States for said district a party, apply to the circuit court of the United States, of the district in which said party resides, or to a judge thereof, in vacation, for an injunction to stay further proceedings on said warrant of distress, until the case can be heard before said court; and the said court, or a judge in vacation, is hereby authorized and required, to grant said injunction, if in the opinion of the said court or judge, such injunction according to principles of law or equity ought to be granted; and the said court shall proceed therein to a final decree, according to the rules and principles which prevail in courts of equity; but such injuction shall not be granted, until the party shall give bonds, with sufficient security in the clerk's office of the district, in which he resides, in the penalty of at least double the amount sought to be enjoined, and if upon the final decision of any such case, it shall appear to the court that the injunction was applied for without substantial equity and for the purpose of delay, the said court shall award against the party complainant, damages at the rate of ten per centum per annum, upon the amount enjoined, from the time when such injunction shall have been granted, until the final decision thereof, besides costs of suit.

The question was taken to concur in the same,
And determined in the negative, { Yeas....43 / Nays....97 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Bennett,
Archer,	Brooks,
Bassett,	Caldwell,

Mr. Calhoun,
Clark, N. C.
Condict,
Cook,
Crocheron,
Culpepper,
Desha,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Glasgow,
Goodwyn,
Hall,
Henderson,
Hooks,
Hungerford,
Ingham,
Johnson, Ky.
Kerr, Va.
Kilbourn,
Mr. Little,
Lowndes,
Lyon,
M'Coy,
Parris,
Powell,
Roane,
Smith, Va.
Taylor, N. Y.
Telfair,
Townsend,
Ward, N. Y.
Wendover,
Williams,
Tho. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey.....43.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Atherton,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Betts,
Birdsall,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Cady,
Cannon,
Champion,
Chappell,
Cilley,
Clark, N. Y.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Conner,
Cooper,
Mr. Creighton,
Davenport,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Goldsborough,
Hale,
Hardin,
Harrison,
Hawes,
Heister,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hopkinson,
Huger,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
Kent,
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,

Mr. Lovett,
Lyle,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Lean,
Middleton,
Miller,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Moore,
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Newton,
Noyes,
Ormsby,
Peter,
Pickens,
Pickering,
Piper,
Pitkin,
Reed,
Mr. Rice,
Root,
Ross,
Ruggles,
Savage,
Sheffey,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Md.
Southard,
Strong,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Taul,
Thomas,
Tyler,
Vose,
Ward, Ma.
Ward, N. J.
Webster,
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wilkin,
Willoughby.....97.

A motion was then made by Mr. M'Coy, to reconsider the vote of yesterday, on so much of the bill as establishes the salaries of the comptroller, auditors and solicitor, created by the said bill.

And the question being taken to reconsider,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Hopkinson, to amend the third section of the bill, by striking out that part which creates the office of "a solicitor of the Treasury; which motion was agreed to by the House: And

On motion of Mr. Lowndes,

The said bill and amendments were recommitted to the select committee, by which the said amendments were reported.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to

enable the people of the western part of the Mississippi Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States," was read the third time, amended by unanimous consent, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage;

An act for the relief of Isaac Lawrence and others, merchants, residing in the city of New-York;

An act to provide for the redemption of the public debt;

An act to repeal so much of any acts now in force as authorizes a loan of money or an issue of Treasury notes;

An act respecting the assessment and collection of the direct tax;

An act authorizing the deposit of the papers of foreign vessels with the consuls of their respective nations;

An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the State of Georgia fifteen per centum upon the quota of the direct tax for the year 1816, assumed and paid by that State; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act making reservation of certain public lands to supply timber for naval purposes," was read the third time as amended, and passed.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act in

addition to an act, entitled, 'An act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled, "An act to amend the act, entitled, 'An act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes,' passed the 9th of April, 1816," were read: And

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey to refer the said bill and amendments to the committee of Claims: When

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, of N. Y., that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the motion to refer to the committee of Claims,

And passed in the affirmative.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of Caze and Richaud, and on the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole. And after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the said bill for the relief of Caze and Richaud, as also the bill for the relief of William Chism; the bill for the relief of Joseph I. Green; a bill for the relief of Caleb Nichols; the bill for the relief of Alexander Holmes and Benjamin Hough; the bill for the relief of Madame Montreuil; the bill for the relief of James H. Boisgervais; the bill for the relief of Antoine Bienvenu; the bill for the relief of Peter Cazlard;

the bill for the relief of John de Castanado; the bill for the relief of Joumonville de Villiers; the bill for the relief of George Buckmaster; the bill for the relief of Berthelemy Duverger; the bill for the relief of William Oliver; the bill for the relief of James Orr; the bill for the relief of Peter Kindall; the bill for the relief of Charles Williams; the bill for the relief of Asa Wells; the bill for the relief of Peyton Short; the bill for the relief of James Villere; the bill from the Senate authorizing the settlement of the accounts of Flavil Sabin, deceased; the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Ignace Chalmet Delino, deceased, and of Anthony Cruzat and L. P. Duverges; and the bill for the relief of Mary Wells, with an amendment to the latter, which was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the several bills of this House above mentioned be engrossed and severally read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the bills from the Senate above mentioned be severally read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the first article of the treaty of the 9th of August, 1814, between the United States and the Creek nation, to certain chiefs and warriors of that nation, and for other purposes; and on the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Condict reported that the committee had made some progress therein, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the said order.

And then the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 27, 1817.

Mr. Clark, of N.Y. presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the western part of the State of New-York, praying that Portland on lake Erie, may be made a port of entry and delivery; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hugh Nelson, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill, supplementary to the act entitled, "An act directing the disposition of money paid into the courts of the United States," approved the 18th of April, 1814; which was read the first and second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to divide the State of Pennsylvania into two judicial districts," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of Edwin Lewis, containing charges of improper and extra-judicial conduct against Harry Toulmin, a judge of the courts of the United States in the Mississippi Territory, made a report, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from a further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Pleasants, from the committee on Naval Affairs, made a report on the petition of Stephen

Champlin, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee on Naval Affairs, be discharged from a further consideration of the petition of Catherine Young; the petition of Charles Waggoner; the petition of Thomas Church, jr.; the petition of Thomas Ewell; the petition of John C. Shindle; the petition of Samuel Cheney; and the petition of the surgeons in the navy, and that they lie on the table.

Mr. Smith, of Md. from the joint committee, appointed to examine and report what business is necessary to be acted upon at the present session, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee, to which was recommitted yesterday, the bill from the Senate entitled "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of the public accounts," reported the same with further amendments, which were read and concurred in, and the said bill was further amended and the amendments ordered to be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Newton, from the committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to which was committed the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act authorizing vessels departing from the town of the Bayou St. John and Basin of the Canal de Carondelet, for foreign ports to clear out at the custom-house in the city of New-Orleans," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

Mr. Condict, from the committee on the Expen-

ditures on the Public Buildings, reported a bill making further provision for repairing the public buildings, and improving the public square, which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill to provide for furnishing the house of the President of the United States.

Ordered, That the committee appointed on the 5th instant, on the memorial of the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians and others, be discharged from a further consideration thereof, and that the said petition lie on the table.

Mr. Crawford, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act concerning the navigation of the United States;

An act for the relief of Park Holland;

An act supplementary to an act concerning the naval establishment;

An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to and from James Madison;

An act relating to the ransom of American captives;

And had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Chappell, from the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Cazeau, late merchant at Montreal, reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to the

committee of the whole House on the bill for the relief of the widow and minor children of Abraham Owen, deceased

The House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the first article of the treaty of the 9th of August, between the United States and the Creek nation, to certain chiefs and warriors of that nation, and for other purposes; and on the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole House, and after some time spent therein. Mr Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Condict, reported the said bill, together with the bill confirming the title of Miller and Futton to a tract of land on the Bayou Bœuff, in the State of Louisiana; the bill for the relief of Joseph Summers and John Allen; the bill to continue in force the act entitled, "An act relating to settlers on the lands of the United States;" the bill allowing further time for entering donation rights to land in the district of Detroit; and the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive," with amendments to the two former and the latter.

The amendments to the bill making provision for the location of the lands, reserved by the treaty of the 9th of August, 1814, to certain chiefs and warriors of the Creek Indians, were read and concurred in by the House with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the bill for the relief of Joseph Summers and John Allen; the bill to continue in force an act entitled, "An act relating to the settlers on the lands of the United States;" and

the bill allowing further time for entering donation rights to lands in the district of Detroit, be engrossed and severally read a third time to-morrow.

The amendment to the bill confirming the title of Miller and Futton, to a tract of land on the Bayou Boeuff, in the State of Louisiana, was read, which said amendment proposes to strike out the first section.

And on the question to concur with the committee of the whole House in striking out the said section,

It passed in the affirmative.

And so the said bill was *rejected.*

The amendment reported to the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

An engrossed bill entitled, "An act for the relief of John De Castanado," was read the third time, amended by unanimous consent, and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of James Caze and John Richaud;

An act for the relief of Wiliam Chism;

An act for the relief of Joseph J Green;

An act for the relief of Caleb Nichols;

An act for the relief of Alexander Holmes and Benjamin Hough;

An act for the relief of Madame Montreuil;

An act for the relief of James H Boisgervais;

An act for the relief of Antoine Bienvenu;

An act for the relief of Peter Cazlard;
An act for the relief of Joumonville de Villiers;
An act for the relief of George Buckmaster;
An act for the relief of Berthelemy Duverger;
An act for the relief of William Oliver;
An act for the relief of James Orr;
An act for the relief of Peter Kindall;
An act for the relief of Charles Williams;
An act for the relief of Asa Wells;
An act for the relief of Peyton Short;
An act for the relief of James Villere;
An act for the relief of Mary Wells; and
An act supplementary to the act, entitled, "An act directing the disposition of money paid in the courts of the United States," approved the 18th of April, 1814; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act authorizing vessels departing from the town of the Bayou St. John, and Basin of the Canal de Carondelet, for foreign ports, to clear out at the custom-house in the city of New-Orleans;

An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of Flavil Sabin, deceased;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Ignace Chalmet Delino, deceased, and of Anthony Cruzat and L P. Duverges; were severally read the third time and passed.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to authorize the appointment of a surveyor for the lands in the northern part of the Mississippi Territory, and the sale of certain lands therein de-

scribed," was also read the third time and passed as amended.

The title of the latter bill was amended so as to read, "An act concerning the sale of certain lands therein described."

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of the widow and minor children of Abraham Owen, deceased, and on the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Maryland, reported the said bill for the relief of the widow and minor children of Abraham Owen, deceased; the bill for the relief of Thomas and John Clifford, Elisha Fisher & Co., and Thomas Clifford & Son; and the bill from the Senate for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Cazeau, late merchant at Montreal, without amendment.

Ordered, That the two first-mentioned bills be engrossed, and respectively read a third time to-morrow.

A motion was then made by Mr. Ingham, that the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Cazeau, be laid on the table; which motion was rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill in addition to an act, entitled, "An act for the relief of John Thompson," and the bill from the Senate directing the discharge of William Smith from imprisonment; and after some time spent therein. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

and Mr. Jackson reported the said bills without amendment

Ordered, That the first-mentioned bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the last-mentioned bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate concur in the amendments proposed by this House to the bill entitled, "An act making reservation of certain public lands to supply timber for naval purposes;" and they have passed a bill entitled, "An act authorizing a subscription for the printing of the tenth volume of public documents," in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill of this House, for the relief of William Smith, senior, be discharged from a further consideration of the same, and that it lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 28, 1817.

Ordered, That Mr. Baylies and Mr. Rice have leave of absence from to-morrow, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Marsh presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Vermont, against the running and opening the mails on Sundays, which were re-

ferred to the committee appointed on a similiar petition from Southampton in Massachusetts.

Mr. Cady, presented a petition of the society for the promotion of American manufactures in the county of Oneida and State of New York, praying that further measures may be adopted for the encouragement and protection of American manufactures, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hulbert presented a petition of the inhabitants of Berkshire county in Massachusetts, praying that a general system may be established for the encouragement and protection of the agricultural, commercial, and manufacturing interests of the country, which was referred to the committee of the whole House on the bill to establish a national board of agriculture.

Mr. Harrison presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post-route, which was referred to the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Ordered, That Absalom Kirk have leave to withdraw his petition presented at a former session.

Ordered, That the select committee, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Sewall, with the report of the Acting Secretary of War thereon, be discharged from a further consideration thereof, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

Mr. Lattimore presented a petition of Lewis Alexis, praying for a confirmation of his title to a tract of land in the Mississippi Territory, which was referred to the committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and

Means, made a report on the petition of Benjamin L. Swan and others, which was read and the resolution therein contained, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means, be discharged from the further consideration of the several subjects referred to them at the present session, upon which they have not reported.

On motion of Mr. Thomas Wilson,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions of James Gibson, John Davis, and Charles Martin, the two former presented at the present, and the latter at the last session.

Ordered, That Joseph Wheaton have leave to withdraw his petition and documents.

On motion of Mr. Lattimore,

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions of Hannah and Joseph Mims, Samuel Dale and Robert Williamson and Samuel Garrow.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee on Indian Affairs, reported the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to provide for the punishment of crimes and offences committed within the Indian boundaries," without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

Mr. Yancey, from the committee of Claims, to which was referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill entitled "An act to amend the act 'authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes,' passed the 9th of April 1816," reported their agreement to the same with an amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments lie on the table.

The Speaker presented documents in support of the petition of Thomas Ewell, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting two statements of goods, wares and merchandise imported in American and foreign vessels, and an aggregate view of both from the 1st October 1814, to the 30th September, 1815, which were ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting statements prepared in obedience to an act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States, passed the 2d April, 1792, which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Ingham,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to Congress, at the next session, such measures as may be necessary for the more effectual execution of the laws for the collection of the duties on imported goods, wares, and merchandise.

On motion of Mr. Bradbury,

Resolved, That the committee of Ways and Means be instructed to report a bill continuing the tonnage duty imposed on all foreign ships or vessels which shall be entered in the United States, from any foreign port or place to and with which vessels of the United States are not ordinarily permitted to go and trade, at the same rate, *after the 30th day of June*, as is imposed on such ships or vessels entering *prior* to that time, by the second section of an act, passed during the present session of Congress, entitled "An act supplementary

to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby required to report to the House of Representatives, at the next session of Congress, whether any, and if any, what alterations or modifications are required to be made in the several acts fixing the emoluments of collectors of the customs, naval officers, and surveyors.

Mr. Harrison submitted the following proposition of amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring therein, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States be proposed to the legislatures of the several States, which, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of said States, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said Constitution:

Congress shall, concurrently with the States, have power to provide for training the militia according to the discipline prescribed for that purpose, and whilst engaged in that service, they shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed for the government of the militia when in the military service of the United States, and also to provide for teaching, in the primary schools and other seminaries of learning in the several States, the system of discipline prescribed for the militia.

The said proposition was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ward, of New-York, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Repre-

sentatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to employ John Trumbull, of Connecticut, to compose and execute, in addition to the four paintings which he is already authorized to employ the said Trumbull to compose and execute, commemorative of the most important events of the American revolution, a painting, the design of which shall be to commemorate the patriotic conduct of Paulding, Williams, and Van Wart, in capturing major Andre, the British spy, during the American revolution. This painting, when finished, to be placed in the capitol of the United States.

The said resolution was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lowndes, from the committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill to continue in force the second section of the act, entitled "An act, supplementary to an act, to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage;" which was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill to provide for furnishing the house of the President of the United States.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks and messengers; and on the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole House; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson reported the said bill to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks and messengers; also, the bill transferring the duties of commissioner of loans to the Bank of the United States, and abolishing the office of commissioner of loans; the bill to provide for furnishing the house of the President of the United States; the bill respect-

ing the district court of the United States in the northern district of New-York; the bill repealing the act passed on the 22d day of April, 1800, and fixing the command of the marine corps; the bill making further provison for repairing the public buildings, and improving the public square; the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the supreme court;" the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to appoint additional pension agents;" the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to authorizing a subscription for the printing of the tenth volume of public documents; and the bill to continue in force the second section of the act entitled, "An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage," with amendments to all, except the three latter.

The amendments to the bill to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks and messengers, were read and concurred in by the House, and the said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act authorizing a subscription for the printing of the tenth volume of public documents," be read a third time to-morrow.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill transferring the duties of commissioner of loans to the Bank of the United States, and abolishing the office of commissioner of loans, were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to appoint additional pension agents," be read a third time to-morrow.

The amendment reported by the committee of

the whole House to the bill repealing the act passed on the 22d of April, 1800, and fixing the command of the marine corps, was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill respecting the district court of the United States for the northern district of New-York, were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendment reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the supreme court," was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time to-morrow.

The amendment reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill to provide for furnishing the house of the President of the United States, was read and concurred in by the House; and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill making further provision for repairing the public buildings, and improving the public square, were read and concurred in by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the bill to continue in force the second section of the act entitled, "An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate concur in the amendment proposed by this House to the bill entitled, "An act to enable the people of the western part of the Mississippi Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States." The Senate have passed the bill entitled, "An act to set apart and pledge as a permanent fund for internal improvement the bonus of the National Bank, and the United States' share of its dividends, with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Crawford, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John J. Yarnall, deceased;

An act granting a pension to commodore Richard Taylor;

An act in addition to an act entitled, "An act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States;

An act making reservation of certain public lands to supply timber for naval purposes;

An act authorizing vessels departing from the town of the Bayou St. John, and basin of the Canal de Carondelet, for foreign ports, to clear out at the custom-house in the city of New-Orleans;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Ignace Chalmet Delino, deceased, and of Anthony Cruzat, and L P. Duverger;

An act to enable the people of the western part of the Mississippi Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States; and

An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of Flavil Sabin, deceased.

And had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a bill entitled, "An act to authorize the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles on certain entries and locations of lands therein described;" and the bill from this House, entitled, "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1817," with amendments, in which bill and amendments they ask the concurrence of this House. And he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to amend and explain the act for designating, surveying and granting military bounty lands, passed the 6th of May, 1812; and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr H. Nelson reported that the committee had made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

The question was then taken—"Shall the committee of the whole have leave to sit again?"

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

An engrossed bill in addition to an act, entitled,

"An act for the relief of John Thompson," was read the third time; and

On motion of Mr. Root.

The said bill was postponed indefinitely.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the first article of the treaty of the 9th of August, 1814, between the United States and the Creek nation, to certain chiefs and warriors of that nation, and for other purposes;

An act for the relief of the widow and children of Abraham Owen;

An act for the relief of Thomas and John Clifford, Elisha Fisher & Co., and Thomas Clifford & Son;

An act for the relief of Joseph Summers and John Allen;

An act to continue in force an act, entitled, "An act relating to settlers on lands of the United States;"

An act allowing further time for entering donation rights to lands in the district of Detroit; were severally read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive, with amendments;

An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts, with amendments;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Cazeau, late merchant at Montreal;

An act directing the discharge of William Smith from imprisonment; and

An act to provide for the punishment of crimes and offences committed within the Indian boundaries; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to divide the State of Pennsylvania into two judicial districts," was read the third time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to authorize the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles on certain entries and locations of lands therein described," was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole, on the bill of this House, supplementary to an act, entitled, an act to authorize the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated lands within the same.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled, "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1817," were read and ordered to lie on the table.

And the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 1, 1817.

Ordered, That Mr. Wheaton, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Miller, have leave of absence from to-day for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Atherton presented a petition of Benjamin Pool, late assistant assessor under the act to lay and collect a direct tax in the State of New-Hampshire, praying to be indemnified against the ex-

penses of a suit instituted against him for acts committed in the discharge of his duties; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. William Wilson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Lycoming, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the remission of the duties imposed on the distillery of a certain John M'Connel, for reasons set forth in the petition; which was also ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Root, from the committee on the Expenditures in the War Department, made a report concerning a contract entered into with said Department by Elias Earle for the supply of arms; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas Wilson, from the committee on Roads and Canals, made a report on the petition of John Adams, which was read, and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the House as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Mills, from the committee to which was referred the several petitions from inhabitants of different parts of the United States, praying that the mails may not be transported or opened on Sundays, made a detailed report; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on the Public Lands, the committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, and the committee on Roads and Canals, be discharged from the further consideration of the several matters referred to them at the present session, and upon which they have not reported.

Ordered, That the select committee appointed on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, in the State of Indiana, be discharged, and that the petition lie on the table.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1817, were read and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the said amendments; and after some time spent thereon, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jackson reported the agreement of the committee thereto.

The said amendments were then read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the State of Indiana;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson reported the said bill without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

Bills of the Senate, of the following titles, to wit:

An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the supreme court, with amendments;

An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the State of Indiana; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to provide for furnishing the house of the President of the United States;

An act transferring the duties of commissioner

of loans to the Bank of the United States, and abolishing the office of commissioner of loans;

An act to continue in force the second section of the act, entitled, "An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage;"

An act making further provision for repairing the public buildings, and improving the public square; and

An act respecting the district court of the United States, in the northern district of New-York; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill repealing the act passed on the 22d of April, 1800, and fixing the command of the marine corps, was also read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act to fix the peace establishment of the marine corps," and that the Clerk also carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit:

An act to appoint additional pension agents; and

An act authorizing a subscription for the printing of the tenth volume of public documents; were also severally read the third time and ordered to lie on the table.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled, "An act to amend the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes, passed on the 9th of April, 1816;" and the amend-

ment recommended by the committee of Claims to the said amendments, were read and disagreed to by the House.

The said amendments were then amended: and

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, further to amend the same by adding thereto the following:

And be it further enacted, That the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to remunerate the inhabitants of the Niagara frontier, in the State of New-York, for property destroyed by the enemy during the invasion of that frontier between the eighteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and thirteen, and the second day of January, eighteen hundred and fourteen, both inclusive.

And be it further enacted, That no person shall be entitled to the benefits of the appropriation in the preceding section, who was not either an inhabitant of the said Niagara frontier, at the time of the declaration of the late war, between the United States and Great Britain, or the actual owner and proprietor of some house or building destroyed by the enemy during the invasion aforesaid, or an inhabitant of the said frontier who had removed there since the war, with a view to make a fixed and permanent settlement there.

And be it further enacted, That no person who shall have received any moneys from the Treasury of the United States, for property destroyed during the invasion aforesaid, in virtue of the ninth section of the act hereby amended, shall be entitled to relief under this act for any other or further losses, unless he shall within five days after the first public meeting of the commissioners herein-after mentioned, pay into the hands of said commissioners, the whole of the sum or sums received by him as aforesaid; and in case of his so refunding, he shall enjoy in relation to the whole of his losses, all the right and benefit of the present

law, in the same manner as if he had not presented his claim under the said law of the ninth of April, last: and any sum or sums which may come into the hands of the said commissioners in compliance with the provisions of this section, shall be by them paid into the Treasury of the United States, and shall form an additional fund to the said two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and is hereby appropriated to the same object.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this act, to appoint three commissioners, who shall immediately proceed to the Niagara frontier, and examine and ascertain, by the best evidence that the nature of the case will admit of, the value of the several buildings destroyed by the enemy during the invasion aforesaid, and also the value of all other property destroyed in the said buildings, and belonging to such persons as are entitled to relief by the provisions of this act; and shall also ascertain, either by the oath of the respective claimants, or such other evidence as may be satisfactory to them, the amount which the said claimants may have respectively received of a certain donation of fifty thousand dollars granted by the legislature of the State of New-York, in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen, to the sufferers on the Niagara frontier: and after completing the said examination, the said commissioners shall forthwith report to the Secretary of War the names of the sufferers entitled to the benefits of this act, the amount of their respective losses.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be the further duty of the Secretary of War on the receipt of the aforesaid report to cause the moneys appropriated by this act, to be divided and paid on their respective applications to the several persons intended to be relieved by this act, in proportion to the amount of their losses respectively sustained by them and reported by the commissioners, after deducting from the amount of such losses, the sums which the claimants have respectively received of the said dona-

tion from the State of New-York: *Provided*, however, that nothing in this act contained shall authorize the payment to any person of a greater sum than the amount of his losses as reported by the commissioners.

And be it further enacted, That no person shall be entitled to receive any payment or compensation under the act hereby amended, for any losses, for which provision is made either wholly, or in part, by this act.

And be it further enacted, That in case of the decease of any person, who, if living, would be entitled to the benefits of this act, the sum awarded by the Secretary of War, shall be paid to his legal representatives.

And be it further enacted, That the commissioners to be appointed in pursuance of this act, shall, before they enter upon their duties, take and subscribe an oath to perform those duties faithfully and honestly; and they shall have power to administer oaths to the witnesses offered for examination before them; and for their services they shall be allowed at the rate of four dollars per day for the time they shall be actually employed, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

A motion was then made by Mr. Cannon to lay the said bill on the table, which motion was disagreed to by the House.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson,

And determined in the negative.

Mr. Clark, of N. Y., then moved further to amend the said amendments by inserting the following section:

And be it further enacted, That the commissioner be, and he is hereby directed, to award indemnification to such persons who have sustained damage or loss, by the destruction of their houses or buildings by the enemy on the Niagara frontier, between the eighth day of December, eighteen

hundred and thirteen, and the third day of January, eighteen hundred and fourteen: *Provided*, it shall be proved that the houses so destroyed, and for which indemnification is claimed, were in the military occupation of the United States as barracks or storehouses at the time of such destruction, and destroyed in consequence thereof: *And provided also*, that no decision made by the said commissioner, under this section, shall entitle the claimant or claimants to indemnification, unless such decision shall first receive the approbation and sanction of the Secretary of War.

And the question being taken on inserting the said section,

It was determined in the negative.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Clark, of N. Y., further to amend the said amendments by striking out the first section thereof, and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

That all decisions made by the commissioner under the act to which this is an amendment, shall be revised and approved by the Secretary of War, before payment shall be made thereon.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative.

The said amendments of the Senate were then concurred in by the House as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate concur in the amendments proposed by this House to bills of the following titles, to wit: "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the supreme court;" and "An act to set apart and dispose of certain public

lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive." They also concur in the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled, "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts," with an amendment. And they have passed a bill, entitled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to certain banks in the District of Columbia, and to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered associations within the said district;" in which amendment and bill they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The amendment proposed by the Senate, to the amendments of this House to the bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts," was read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled, "An act to set apart and pledge as a permanent fund for internal improvement the bonus of the national bank, and the United States' share of its dividends," were read: When

A motion was made by Mr. H. Nelson, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas....61 / Nays....63 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,	Mr. Bassett,
Atherton,	Baylies,
Barbour,	Bennett,

Mr. Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Burwell,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Clarke, N. C.
Clayton,
Cook,
Davenport,
Desha,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Goodwyn,
Hale,
Hawes,
Hungerford,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
Mr. M'Lean,
Mills,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson.
Noyes,
Parris,
Piper,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,
Robertson,
Root,
Ruggles,
Smith, Md.
Southard,
Stearns,
Strong,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Vose,
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Wilcox,
Williams.....61.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Alexander,
Betts,
Birdseye,
Cady,
Calhoun,
Clark, N. Y.
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Conner,
Creighton,
Culpepper,
Dickens,
Findley,
Gaston,
Gold,
Mr. Goldsborough,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hammond,
Harrison,
Henderson,
Herbert,
Hopkinson,
Huger,
Ingham,
Jackson,
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Lewis,

Mr. Little,
Love,
Lovett,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Jer. Nelson,
Newton,
Ormsby,
Peter,
Pickering,
Ross,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Mr. Sheffey,
Smith, Pa.
Smith, Va.
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Wallace,
Webster,
Wendover,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Willoughby,
Thos. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey,
Yates.....63.

A motion was then made by Mr. Smith, of Md., to postpone the said bill until the third day of March, next.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was also determined in the negative, { Yeas, 66 / Nays, 68 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Atherton,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Baylies,
Bennett,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brown,
Bryan,
Burwell,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Mr. Champion,
Cilley,
Clarke, N. C.
Clayton,
Cook,
Crawford,
Davenport,
Desha,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Goodwyn,
Hale,
Hardin,

Mr. Hawes,
Hooks,
Hungerford,
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
King,
Langdon,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
M'Lean,
Mills,
Hugh Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Piper,
Mr. Pleasants,
Reed,
Rice,
Roane,
Root,
Ruggles,
Smith, Md.
Southard,
Stearns,
Strong,
Sturges,
Taggart,
Tallmadge,
Vose,
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wheaton,
Wilcox,
Williams.....66.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Alexander,
Betts,
Birdseye,
Cady,
Caldwell,
Calhoun,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Conner,
Creighton,
Culpepper,
Dickens,
Findley,
Gaston,
Gold,
Goldsborough,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hammond,
Harrison,
Henderson,
Hendricks,
Herbert,
Hopkinson,
Mr. Huger,
Ingham,
Jackson,
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Lewis,
Little,
Love,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Lumpkin,
Lyle,
Wm. P. Maclay,
Middleton,
Milnor,
Moffitt,
Jer. Nelson,
Newton,
Ormsby,
Peter,
Pickering,
Ross,
Savage,

Mr. Schenck,
Sharp,
Sheffey,
Smith, Va.
Smith, Pa.
Tate,
Taylor, N. Y.
Taylor, S. C.
Telfair,
Wallace,
Mr. Webster,
Wendover,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Willoughby,
Thos. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Woodward,
Yancey,
Yates.....68.

The said amendments were then concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Crawford, from the joint committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did this day present to the President of the United States enrolled bills, entitled,

An act concerning the navigation of the United States;

An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to and from James Madison;

An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war;

An act for the relief of Park Holland;

An act, supplementary to an act, entitled, "An act concerning the naval establishment;"

An act granting a pension to commodore Richard Taylor;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Yarnall, deceased;

An act, in addition to an act, entitled, "An act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in courts of the United States;"

An act making reservation of certain public lands to supply timber for naval purposes;

An act authorizing vessels departing from the

town of the Bayou St. John, and basin of the canal de Carondelet, for foreign ports, to clear out at the custom-house in the city of New-Orleans;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Ignace Chalmet Delino, deceased, and of Anthony Cruzat and L. P. Duverges;

An act to enable the people of the western part of the Mississippi Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States; and

An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of Flavil Sabin, deceased.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate concur in the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled, "An act to authorize the appointment of a surveyor of the lands in the northern part of the Mississippi Territory, and the sale of certain lands therein described," with amendments; in which they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said amendments were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill supplementary to an act, entitled, "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due the United States," and on the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole House; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jackson reported the said bill supplementary to the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due the United States; also, the bill autho-

rizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duties therein mentioned; the bill for the relief of Robert Burnside; the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause repayment to be made of certain alien duties; the bill for the relief of certain Creek Indians; the bill further to regulate the Territories of the United States, and their electing delegates to Congress, with amendments to the two latter; and asked leave for the committee of the whole House to sit again on the residue of the order.

The question was taken—"Shall the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the residue of the order?"

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the several subjects composing the residue of the order lie on the table.

Ordered, That the bill supplementary to an act providing for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due the United States; the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duties therein mentioned; the bill for the relief of Robert Burnside; the bill for the relief of certain Creek Indians; and the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause repayment to be made of certain alien duties, be severally engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The amendments reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill further to regulate the Territories of the United States, and their electing delegates to Congress, were read and concurred in; and the said bill was further amended and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The amendments reported to the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit duties

therein mentioned, were read and concurred in by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Little further to amend the said bill by striking out these words—"for a term extending beyond the said first day of July"—so as to extend the remission provided in the bill to licenses expiring previous to the said first day of July, 1816.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines, who were lost in the United States' brig Epervier; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson reported the said bill with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of John Darnall; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to certain banks in the District of Columbia, and to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered associations within the said district," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate concur in the amendment proposed by this House to their amendment to the bill, entitled, "An act to amend the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes." And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for erecting a light-house on the west chop of Holmes' Hole harbour, in the State of Massachusetts, and on the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole House; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Md., reported the said bill for erecting a light-house, with an amendment, and asked leave to sit again on the residue of the order.

The question was then taken—"Shall the committee have leave to sit again on the residue of the order?"

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the bills composing the residue of the said order lie on the table.

The amendment reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill above mentioned, was read and concurred in by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the resolutions submitted by Mr. Forsyth, on the 14th of January, 1817, concerning a supposed violation of the charter of the national bank, by its directors, and requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to withdraw the public deposites therefrom, be discharged from

therein mentioned, were read and concurred in by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Little further to amend the said bill by striking out these words—"for a term extending beyond the said first day of July"—so as to extend the remission provided in the bill to licenses expiring previous to the said first day of July, 1816.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines, who were lost in the United States' brig Epervier; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson reported the said bill with amendments, which were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for the relief of John Darnall; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to certain banks in the District of Columbia, and to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered associations within the said district," was read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate concur in the amendment proposed by this House to their amendment to the bill, entitled, "An act to amend the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes." And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill for erecting a light-house on the west chop of Holmes' Hole harbour, in the State of Massachusetts, and on the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole House; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Md., reported the said bill for erecting a light-house, with an amendment, and asked leave to sit again on the residue of the order.

The question was then taken—"Shall the committee have leave to sit again on the residue of the order?"

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the bills composing the residue of the said order lie on the table.

The amendment reported by the committee of the whole House to the bill above mentioned, was read and concurred in by the House, and the bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the resolutions submitted by Mr. Forsyth, on the 14th of January, 1817, concerning a supposed violation of the charter of the national bank, by its directors, and requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to withdraw the public deposites therefrom, be discharged from

a further consideration thereof, and that it be postponed indefinitely.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill making provision for the establishment of an additional land-office in the Territory of Missouri, and for the final adjustment of claims to town and village lots therein, and on the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole House; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Yancey reported the said bill to establish an additional land-office, &c., with amendments, and asked leave for the committee of the whole House to sit again on the residue of the said order.

The question was taken—"Shall the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on the residue of the order?"

And passed in the affirmative.

The amendments to the last-mentioned bill were read and concurred in, and the said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, that when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet to-morrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock.

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas.....48 / Nays.....68 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Archer,	Mr. Caldwell,
Barbour,	Carr, Ms.
Bennett,	Cook,
Birdseye,	Edwards,
Blount,	Fletcher,
Bryan,	Forney,

Mr. Forsyth,
Hahn,
Hall,
Hammond,
Hardin,
Hawes,
Hopkinson,
Hungerford,
Ingham,
Jackson,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Lewis,
Little,
Lowndes,
M'Coy,
Middleton,
Hugh Nelson,
Mr. Newton,
Ormsby,
Peter,
Pickens,
Pleasants,
Roane,
Robertson,
Root,
Ross,
Smith, Md.
Taul,
Telfair,
Ward, N. Y.
Wilde,
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Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Alexander,
Atherton,
Bassett,
Bateman,
Baylies,
Betts,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brooks,
Cady,
Calhoun,
Cannon,
Champion,
Clark, N. Y.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Creighton,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Dickens,
Gaston,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Mr. Hale,
Heister,
Herbert,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Jewett,
Kent,
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lovett,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Wm. P. Maclay,
M'Lean,
Mills,
Milnor,
Moore,
Jer. Nelson,
Tho. M. Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Pickering,
Reed,

Mr. Savage,	Mr. Vose,
Schenck,	Wallace,
Smith, Penn.	Webster,
Southard,	Wendover,
Stearns,	Wheaton,
Taggart,	Whiteside,
Tallmadge,	Wilcox,
Tate,	Wilkin,
Taylor, N. Y.	Wm. Wilson.....68.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duties therein mentioned;

An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen and marines, who were lost in the United States' brig Epervier;

An act supplementary to an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due the United States;

An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause repayment to be made of certain alien duties;

An act for the relief of Robert Burnside;

An act further to regulate the Territories of the United States, and their electing delegates to Congress; and

An act for the relief of certain Creek Indians; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again took up the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act authorizing a subscription for the printing of the tenth volume of public documents;" and being again read was passed by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to an act entitled, "An act to authorize the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated lands within the same; and on the bill from the Senate, to authorize the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles on certain entries and locations of land therein described; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported the said bill with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House: And

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Md.

The said bill was ordered to lie upon the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the payment of certain claims for militia services to the State of Georgia; to which committee of the whole House, was also committed, the bill from the Senate of the same title; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Smith, of Md. reported progress and asked leave for the committee of the whole House to sit again.

The question was taken—"Shall the committee of the whole House have leave to sit again?"

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bills lie on the table.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of John Bate, be discharged from the consideration thereof.

Mr. Savage,	Mr. Vose,
Schenck,	Wallace,
Smith, Penn.	Webster,
Southard,	Wendover,
Stearns,	Wheaton,
Taggart,	Whiteside,
Tallmadge,	Wilcox,
Tate,	Wilkin,
Taylor, N. Y.	Wm. Wilson.....68.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, viz:

An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duties therein mentioned;

An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen and marines, who were lost in the United States' brig Epervier;

An act supplementary to an act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due the United States;

An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause repayment to be made of certain alien duties;

An act for the relief of Robert Burnside;

An act further to regulate the Territories of the United States, and their electing delegates to Congress; and

An act for the relief of certain Creek Indians; were severally read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate, and ask their concurrence therein.

The House again took up the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act authorizing a subscription for the printing of the tenth volume of public documents;" and being again read was passed by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the bill supplementary to an act entitled, "An act to authorize the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles to certain lands therein described, and to settle the claims to the vacant and unappropriated lands within the same; and on the bill from the Senate, to authorize the State of Tennessee to issue grants and perfect titles on certain entries and locations of land therein described; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hugh Nelson, reported the said bill with an amendment, which was read and concurred in by the House: And

On motion of Mr. Smith, of Md.

The said bill was ordered to lie upon the table.

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Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to certain banks in the District of Columbia, and to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered associations within the said district," be discharged, and that the said bill be referred to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Gaston, and Mr. Calhoun.

And then the House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 3d, 1817.

The Speaker presented a petition of James Robert, Henry I. I. Robert, and the children of Peter I. Robert, heirs and representatives of Peter Dominick Robert, deceased, praying for a confirmation of their titles to certain tracts of land in the Territory of Illinois; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Barbour from the committee on Public Expenditures, made a detailed report concerning their powers and duties, and the subjects of their inquiries during the present session; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Taul, from the committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act directing the discharge of William Smith from imprisonment;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Cazeau, late merchant at Montreal;

An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the supreme court;

An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive;

An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the State of Indiana;

An act to provide for the punishment of crimes and offences committed within the Indian boundaries;

An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts;

An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1817;

An act to set apart and pledge certain funds for internal improvements;

An act to amend the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes, passed the 9th April, 1816; and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When

The Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Lewis from the committee to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to certain banks within the District of Columbia, and to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered associations within the said District," reported the same without amendment.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill: When

A motion was made by Mr. Webster to strike out the 28th section thereof; which motion was rejected by the House.

Another motion was then made by Mr Webster, to amend the said bill by striking out from the 7th line of the first section the words "*thirty-six*," so as to leave *blank* the year to which it is proposed

to extend the charters of the said banks; which motion was also rejected by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Ingham to add to the 30th section, the following:

And the several sums directed to be paid by the banking companies hereby incorporated to any company now incorporated, shall constitute a portion of the stock of such companies; and the proceeds of the dividends of such stock shall be disposed of as Congress may hereafter direct for like purposes.

And the question was stated to agree to the said amendment: When

A member called for the reading of the bill; which being objected to,

The Speaker declared that at this stage of its progress it was not competent for one member to demand the reading of the bill without an order of the House;

From which decision of the Speaker, Mr. Bassett appealed to the House;

And on the question—"Is the decision of the Speaker correct?"

It passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Ingham then moved that the bill be read; which motion was rejected by the House.

The question was then taken on the amendment moved by Mr. Ingham,

And was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Webster,

The bill was then amended and recommitted to a select committee. And

Mr. Lewis, Mr. Gaston, and Mr. Taylor, of N. Y., were appointed the said committee, with leave to sit during the session of the House.

Mr. Lewis, from the committee to which the said bill was recommitted, reported the same with

amendments, which the House proceeded to consider, when

Mr. Randolph moved that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....50 / Nays...60

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bennett,
Birdseye,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brooks,
Calhoun,
Carr, Ms.
Clarke, N. C.
Clayton,
Condict,
Desha,
Edwards,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hall,
Hammond,
Hopkinson,
Ingham,
Johnson, Va.
King,
Langdon,
Mr. Law,
Little,
Lowndes,
Lyle,
Wm. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
Noyes,
Pickens,
Piper,
Randolph,
Roane,
Root,
Ross,
Savage,
Taul,
Telfair,
Vose,
Wallace,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. J.
Whiteside,
Wilcox,
Wm. Wilson,
Yancey.....50.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Alexander,
Archer,
Mr. Atherton,
Baer,
Baker,

Mr. Betts,
Blount,
Caldwell,
Cannon,
Chappell,
Clark, N. Y.
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Creighton,
Davenport,
Findley,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Gold,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Hawes,
Henderson,
Herbert,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Hungerford,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Johnson, Ky.
Mr. Kent,
Lewis,
Lovett,
Lyon,
Wm. P. Maclay,
M'Coy,
Milnor,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Newton,
Parris,
Peter,
Pickering,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Reynolds,
Ruggles,
Schenck,
Stearns,
Tallmadge,
Taylor, N. Y.
Wendover,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Thos. Wilson
Yates.....60.

The said amendments were then concurred in by the House; and the bill was further amended, and the amendments ordered to be engrossed and the bill read a third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed a resolution directing me to inform this House that the President elect of the United States will, on Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock, take the oath of office required by the Constitution, in the chamber of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the said resolution lie on the table.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petition of the heirs of Absalom Tatom, deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. Carr, of Mass., be appointed of the committee for Enrolled Bills, in the place of Mr. Crawford, who is absent.

Ordered, That Jonas Fauche, Joseph M'Neale, Ferdinando Fairfax, Philo Stoddard, Frederick Stevelie, Horace B. Thompson, Lyman Way, John Allen, John Chalmers, jr., Mary Sears, and Mary Ann Scott, have leave to withdraw their respective petitions.

Ordered, That William Lambert have leave to withdraw the documents and astronomical calculations submitted by him to this House, upon the subject of the establishment of a first meridian at the seat of government.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have postponed until the 4th day of March, instant, bills from this House of the following titles, to wit: "An act respecting the pay and emoluments of certain officers of the army of the United States;" and "An act concerning the compensation of the district attorney of the United States, for the district of Massachusetts." And they have passed bills from this House of the following titles, to wit: "An act further to regulate the Territories of the United States, and their electing delegates to Congress;" and "An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines, who were lost in the United States' brig Epervier." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Taul, from the committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had presented to the President of the United States the several enrolled

bills, the examination of which was this day reported.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Wilde, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate for the purpose of making arrangements relative to the time and manner of administering the oath of office to the President elect of the United States.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the 1st instant, approve and sign

An act concerning the navigation of the United States;

An act for the relief of Park Holland;

An act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war;

An act supplementary to an act, entitled, "An act concerning the naval establishment of the United States;" and

An act freeing from postage all letters, and packets to and from James Madison.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—"The Senate have postponed, until the 4th day of March instant, the bill entitled "An act directing the transfer of unclaimed pensions, and limiting their payment at the Treasury only" And they have passed bills from this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act to amend the act entitled "An act granting bounties in land and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers," passed 5th of March, 1816;

An act tc authorize the extension of the Colum-

bian Turnpike Road, within the District of Columbia;

An act making an appropriation for opening and cutting out a road therein described;

An act to provide for furnishing the house of the President of the United States;

An act repealing the act entitled "An act for the safe keeping and accommodation of prisoners of war," passed July 6, 1812;

An act for the relief of certain officers;

An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments;"

An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act directing the disposition of money paid into the courts of the United States;"

An act transferring the duties of commissioner of loans to the bank of the United States, and abolishing the office of commissioner of loans;

An act making further provision for repairing the public buildings and improving the public square;

An act to provide for the redemption of the public debt;

An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year 1817;

An act making additional appropriations to defray the expenses of the army and militia during the late war with Great Britain;

An act respecting the assessment and collection of the direct tax;

An act more effectually to preserve the neutral relations of the United States; and

An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year

1817; with amendments to the *eight* latter. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed the 3d day of March, 1815, and for other purposes;

An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and for other purposes;

An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;"

An act to secure, in certain cases, the bounty in land to the heirs of deceased soldiers;

An act to establish post-roads;

An act to amend an act for organizing the general staff, and making further provision for the army of the United States;

An act to amend the act entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States;"

An act providing an additional compensation to the circuit judge of the sixth circuit of the United States; in which amendments and bills they ask the concurrence of this House. The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 1st instant, approve and sign,

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John I. Yarnall, deceased;

An act granting a pension to commodore Richard Taylor;

An act authorizing the settlement of the accounts of Flavil Sabin, deceased;

An act to enable the people of the western part of Mississippi Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such

State into the Union, on an equal footing with the original States;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Ignace Chalmet Delino, deceased, and Anthony Cruzat and L. P. Duverges;

An act, in addition to an act, entitled, "An act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes depending in the courts of the United States;"

An act making reservation of certain public lands to supply timber for naval purposes;

An act authorizing vessels departing from the town of the Bayou St. John, and basin of the canal de Carondelet, for foreign ports, to clear out at the custom-house in the city of New-Orleans;

An act to provide for the punishment of crimes and offences committed within the Indian boundaries;

An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts;

An act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive;

An act directing the discharge of William Smith from imprisonment;

An act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the State of Indiana;

An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis Cazeau, late merchant at Montreal; and

An act to provide for the reports of the decisions of the supreme court. And then he withdrew.

Engrossed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act respecting the compensation of the collectors therein mentioned;

An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Nathaniel Seavey and others;

An act for erecting a light-house on the west chop of Holmes' Hole harbour, in the State of Massachusetts;

An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Teakle Savage and others;

An act to alter and establish certain post-roads;

An act authorizing the payment of money to the State of Georgia, under the articles of agreement and cession between the United States and that State; were severally read a third time and passed.

An act for the relief of Henry Lee; and

Ordered, That the titles thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bills to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act to regulate the trade in plaster of Paris," was read the third time; and, being on its passage,

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to lay it on the table; which motion was rejected by the House.

And the question was then taken—"Shall the bill pass?"

And passed in the affirmative, { Yeas....80 / Nays....39 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adams,
Adgate,
Alexander,
Atherton,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Mr. Betts,
Birdseye,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Brooks,
Cady,

Mr. Calhoun,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Clark, N. Y.
Clarke, N. C.
Clayton,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Conner,
Cooper,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Desha,
Dickens,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Gold,
Hale,
Hammond,
Hawes,
Henderson,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Ingham,
Jackson,
Jewett,
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
King,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Mr. Marsh,
Mason,
Middleton,
Mills,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Hugh Nelson,
Newton,
Noyes,
Parris,
Pickering,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Reynolds,
Roane,
Ruggles,
Schenck,
Stearns,
Strong,
Sturges,
Tallmadge,
Taul,
Taylor, N. Y.
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. Y.
Webster,
Wendover,
Wilde,
Williams,
Thos. Wilson,
Yancey,
Yates.....80.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Archer,
Baer,
Bennett,
Breckenridge,
Champion,
Edwards,
Findley,
Goldsborough,
Hahn,
Herbert,
Mr. Hopkinson,
Hungerford,
Johnson, Va.
Law,
Lewis,
Little,
Love,
Lyle,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,

Mr. Wm. P. Mackey,	Mr. Sheffey,
M'Coy,	Taylor, S. C.
Milnor,	Telfair,
Peter,	Vose,
Piper,	Wallace,
Randolph,	Ward, N. J.
Rice,	Whiteside,
Root,	Wilcox,
Ross,	Wilkin,
Savage,	Wm. Wilson.....40.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the relief of Anthony Buck, be discharged from a further consideration of the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill: When

A motion was made by Mr. Root to lay it on the table; which motion was rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend and explain an act giving pensions to the widows and orphans of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States," was read a third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act transferring the duties of commissioner of loans to the Bank of the United States, and abolishing the office of commissioner of loans," were read and concurred in by the House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act respecting the assessment

and collection of the direct tax," were read and also concurred in.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1817," were read and committed to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations to defray the expenses of the army and militia during the late war with Great Britain," were read and committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year 1817," were read and committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and for other purposes," was read the first and second time and committed to the committee of the whole House last mentioned.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act more effectually to preserve the neutral relations of the United States," were read and referred to the committee on Foreign Relations.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the redemption of the public debt," were read and disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to amend an act for organizing the general staff, and making further provision for the army of the United States," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act providing an additional compensation to the circuit judge of the sixth circuit of the United States," was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to secure, in certain cases, the bounty in land to the heirs of deceased soldiers," was read the first and second time, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to amend the act, entitled, 'An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States," was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to establish post-roads," was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to continue in force an act, entitled, 'An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the 3d of March, 1815, and for other purposes," was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to continue in force an act, entitled, 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," was read the first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Mills, it was

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this House be presented to the honourable Henry Clay, for the ability and impartiality with which he has presided over its deliberations, and the correctness with which he has performed the arduous and important duties of the chair.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to incorporate the subscribers to certain banks in the District of Columbia, and to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered associations within the said district," was read the third time and passed as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate recede from their amendments to the bill, entitled, "An act providing for the redemption of the public debt." They have passed bills from this House of the following titles:

An act for erecting a light-house on the west chop of Holmes' Hole harbour, in the State of Massachusetts;

An act for the relief of Isaac Lawrence and others, merchants, residing in the city of New-York;

An act for the relief of Charles Williams;

An act for the relief of William Chism;

An act for the relief of William Oliver;

An act allowing further time for entering donation rights to lands in the district of Detroit;

An act making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the first article of the treaty of the 9th of August, 1814, between the United

States and the Creek Indians, to certain chiefs and warriors of that nation, and for other purposes;

An act to amend an act entitled "An act making further provision for military services during the late war," and for other purposes;

An act concerning invalid pensioners;

An act for the relief of Mary Wells; and

An act to regulate the trade in plaster of Paris; with amendments to the *five* latter. They have also passed bills of the following titles, to wit:

An act compensating Peter Hagner, and an act for the relief of the heirs of William B. Carter; as also a resolution respecting the contracts for printing for Congress; in which amendments, bills, and resolution they ask the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his Secretary, who, by command of the President, returned to the House the bill passed by the two Houses, entitled "An act to set apart and pledge certain funds for internal improvements," and presented to the President for his approbation and signature, this day, to which bill the President having made objections, the same were also delivered in by the said Secretary; who then withdrew.

The said objections were read, and are as follows:

To the House of Representatives
of the United States:

Having considered the bill this day presented to me, entitled "An act to set apart and pledge certain funds for internal improvements," and which sets apart and pledges funds "for constructing roads and canals, and improving the navigation of water-courses in order to facilitate, promote, and give security to internal commerce

among the several States, and to render more easy and less expensive the means and provisions for the common defence;" I am constrained, by the insuperable difficulty I feel in reconciling the bill with the constitution of the United States, to return it with that objection, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated.

The legislative powers vested in Congress are specified and enumerated in the 8th section of the first article of the Constitution; and it does not appear that the power proposed to be exercised by the bill is among the enumerated powers; or that it falls, by any just interpretation, within the power to make laws necessary and proper for carrying into execution those or other powers vested by the Constitution in the government of the United States.

"The power to regulate commerce among the several States," cannot include a power to construct roads and canals, and to improve the navigation of water-courses, in order to facilitate, promote, and secure such a commerce, without a latitude of construction departing from the ordinary import of the terms, strengthened by the known inconveniences which doubtless led to the grant of this remedial power to Congress.

To refer the power in question to the clause "to provide for the common defence and general welfare," would be contrary to the established and consistent rules of interpretation; as rendering the special and careful enumeration of powers, which follow the clause, nugatory and improper. Such a view of the constitution would have the effect of giving to Congress a general power of legislation, instead of the defined and limited one hitherto understood to belong to them; the terms "common defence and general welfare" embracing every object and act within the purview of a legis-

lativo trust. It would have the effect of subjecting both the constitution and laws of the several States, in all cases not specifically exempted, to be superseded by laws of Congress; it being expressly declared "that the Consitution of the United States, and laws made in pursuance thereof, shall be the supreme law of the land, and the judges of every State shall be bound thereby, any thing in the constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding." Such a view of the constitution, finally, would have the effect of excluding the judicial authority of the United States from its participation in guarding the boundary between the legislative powers of the general and the State governments; inasmuch as questions relating to the general welfare being questions of policy and expediency, are unsusceptible of judicial cognizance and decision.

A restriction of the power "to provide for the common defence and general welfare," to cases which are to be provided for by the expenditure of money, would still leave within the legislative power of Congress, all the great and most important measures of government; money being the ordinary and necessary means of carrying them into execution.

If a general power to construct roads and canals, and to improve the navigation of water-courses, with the train of powers incident thereto, be not possessed by Congress, the assent of the States in the mode provided in the bill cannot confer the power. The only cases in which the consent and cession of particular States can extend the power of Congress, are those specified and provided for in the constitution.

I am not unaware of the great importance of roads and canals, and the improved navigation of water-courses; and that a power in the national

legislature to provide for them might be exercised with signal advantage to the general prosperity. But seeing that such a power is not expressly given by the constitution; and believing that it cannot be deduced from any part of it without an inadmissible latitude of construction, and a reliance on insufficient precedents; believing also that the permanent success of the constitution depends on a definite partition of powers between the general and the State government, and that no adequate land-marks would be left by the constructive extension of the powers of Congress, as proposed in the bill, I have no option but to withhold my signature from it; and to cherishing the hope that its beneficial objects may be attained by a resort for the necessary powers, to the same wisdom and virtue in the nation which established the constitution in its actual form, and providently marked out, in the instrument itself, a safe and practicable mode of improving it, as experience might suggest.

JAMES MADISON.

March 3, 1817.

The House proceeded to the re-consideration of the said bill, which is in the following words:

AN ACT

To set apart and pledge certain funds for internal improvement.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the sum to be paid to the United States by the twentieth section of the "act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," and the dividends which shall arise from their shares in its capital stock, during the present term of twenty years, for which the proprietors thereof

have been incorporated, be, and the same are hereby set apart and pledged as a fund for constructing roads and canals, and improving the navigation of water courses, in order to facilitate, promote, and give security to internal commerce among the several States, and to render more easy and less expensive the means and provisions necessary for their common defence.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the moneys constituting the said fund shall, from time to time, be applied in constructing, or to aid in constructing such roads or canals or in improving the navigation of such water courses, or both, in each State, as Congress, with the assent of such State, shall by law direct, and in the manner most conducive to the general welfare; and the proportion of the said moneys to be expended on the objects aforesaid, in each State, shall be in the ratio of its representation, at the time of the apportionment hereinafter provided, in the most numerous branch of the National Legislature: *Provided*, That the proportion of said fund, to be assigned to any State, or any part thereof, may, by the assent of such State, be applied to the purposes aforesaid in any other State.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said fund be put under the care of the Secretary of the Treasury for the time being; and that it shall be his duty to apportion and divide the said fund, as it annually accrues, among the several States now existing, and such as may hereafter be admitted into the Union, according to the then existing ratio of representation as before directed; and to invest the same, so apportioned and divided, in the funded debt of the United States in the names of the respective States; and the funded debt so set apart in the names of the respective States shall be applied to the aforesaid objects, under the concurrent direction of Congress, and the legislature of the State interested: and he shall also lay before Congress, at their annual session, the condition of the said fund.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall also be the duty of the said Secretary, unless otherwise directed, to vest

the sum to be paid to the United States, by the twentieth section of the act to incorporate the Bank of the United States, as it may fall due, in the stock of the United States; and also to lay before Congress, at their annual session, the condition of said fund.

Attest, H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

I certify that this act originated in the House of Representatives.

TH: DOUGHERTY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The question was then taken in the mode prescribed in the Constitution of the United States, "that the House, on reconsideration do agree to pass the said bill," the President's objections to the same to the contrary notwithstanding.

And determined in the negative, as follows.

YEAS.

Mr. Speaker,
Alexander,
Archer,
Betts,
Birdseye,
Breckenridge,
Brooks,
Cady,
Calhoun,
Chappell,
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Conner,
Creighton,
Culpepper,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Griffin,
Hahn,
Mr. Hall,
Harrison,
Henderson,
Herbert,
Hopkinson,
Huger,
Hulbert,
Ingham,
Irving, N. Y.
Johnson, Ky.
Kent,
Kerr, Va.
Kilbourn,
Little,
Lovett,
Lyle,
Middleton,
Milnor,
Jer. Nelson,

Mr. Ormsby,
Peter,
Pickering,
Reynolds,
Ross,
Savage,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Sheffey,
Tate,
Taylor, N. Y.
Mr. Telfair,
Wallace,
Webster,
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Wilde,
Wilkin,
Tho. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson,
Yancey,
Yates.....66.

NAYS.

Mr. Adams,
Atherton,
Baer,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Blount,
Boss,
Bradbury,
Carr, Ms.
Clark, N. C.
Clayton,
Davenport,
Desha,
Dickens,
Edwards,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Goldsborough,
Goodwyn,
Hale,
Hawes,
Hungerford,
Irwin, Pa.
Jewett,
Johnson, Va.
King,
Law,
Mr. Lowndes,
Lyon
Wm. Maclay,
Marsh,
Mason,
M'Coy,
Mills,
Hugh Nelson,
Noyes,
Parris,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Root,
Ruggles,
Smith, Md.
Southard,
Stearns,
Strong,
Sturges,
Tallmadge,
Taul,
Vose,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. Y.
Ward, N. J.
Wilcox,
Williams.....56.

And so the said bill was *rejected*, two thirds of the House not agreeing to pass the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Anthony Buck," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled, "An act concerning invalid pensions," were read and concurred in by the House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled, "An act to amend an act, entitled, 'An act making further provision for military services during the late war, and for other purposes," were read and concurred in by the House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Mary Wells," was read and concurred in by the House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled, "An act to regulate the trade in plaster of Paris," were read and concurred in by the House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled. "An act making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the first article of the treaty of the 9th of August, 1814, between the United States and the Creek nation of Indians, to certain chiefs and warriors of that nation, and for other purposes," were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate of the concurrence of the House in the amendments aforesaid.

The resolution from the Senate, respecting the contracts for printing for Congress, was read the

first and second time, and ordered to be read a third time to-day.

The said resolution was read the third time, accordingly, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act compensating Peter Hagner," was read the first and second time, and committed to the committee of the whole House on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled, "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year 1817."

The bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act for the relief of the heirs of William B. Carter," was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole, on the amendments of the Senate, to the bill entitled, "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year 1817; and on the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the several other bills committed to the said committee of the whole House; as also, on bills from the Senate of the following titles, to wit: "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and for other purposes," and "An act compensating Peter Hagner;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Breckenridge reported the agreement of the committee to the amendments of the Senate to the bills entitled, "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year 1817;" "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year 1817;" and "An act making additional ap-

propriations to defray the expenses of the army and militia during the late war with Great Britain;" and their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate, to the bill entitled, "An act making further provision for repairing the public buildings and improving the public square." Mr. Breckenridge also reported the bills from the Senate above mentioned without amendment.

The amendments to the three first-mentioned bills were read, and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill "making further provision for repairing the public buildings and improving the public square," were then read and disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and for other purposes," be read the third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate entitled, "An act compensating Peter Hagner," be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Thomas Wilson submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury

be directed to prepare and report to Congress, at the next session, the progress made in the United States' road from Cumberland to the Ohio river; the contracts which have been entered into; the terms of such contracts respectively, and performance on the part of such contractors respectively, in whole or in part, as the case may be. Also, an explicit description of the surveys made thereon, and such as have been made for the purpose of determining the most eligible route from Washington, in Pennsylvania, to the Ohio river; together with a plan for establishing toll gates and for the collection of tolls thereon, and for limiting the tolls to a certain per centum upon the amount of capital expended upon the work, after deducting repairs.

The question was taken—"Will the House *now* proceed to consider the said resolution?"

And determined in the negative

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker – The Senate concur in the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to certain banks within the District of Columbia, and to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered associations within the said District." The Senate have passed bills from this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of Caleb Nichols;

An act for the relief of George Buckmaster;

An act for the relief of Henry Lee;

An act respecting the compensation of the collectors therein mentioned;

An act for the relief of Anthony Buck;

An act to continue in force an act, entitled "An

act relating to settlers on the lands of the United States;"

An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the State of Georgia fifteen per centum upon the quota of direct tax for the year 1816, assumed and paid by that State;

An act to repeal so much of any acts now in force as authorizes a loan of money, or an issue of Treasury notes;

An act to fix the peace establishment of the marine corps;

An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage; and

An act to alter and establish certain post-roads; with amendments to the latter, in which they ask the concurrence of this House.

The amendments to the said latter bill were read and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to establish a separate territorial government for the eastern part of the Mississippi Territory;" and after some time spent therein Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. H. Nelson reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have passed bills from this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act for the relief of the widow and children of Abraham Owen; and

An act authorizing the payment of money to the State of Georgia, under the articles of agreement and cession between the United States and that State; with amendments to each, in which they ask the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

The amendments to the said bills were read and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled an act 'further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the 3d of March, 1815, and for other purposes;" amended the same, and ordered it to be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time to day, and passed

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Landon Carter, deceased;" and the same being amended, was,

On motion of Mr. Taylor, of N. Y.

Ordered, to lie on the table.

The House took up and proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate entitled "An act for the relief of the widow and children of Arnold Henry Dorhman, deceased:" When

A motion was made by Mr. Forsyth, to lay the said bill on the table; which motion was rejected by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time to-day.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate recede from their amendment to the bill entitled "An act making further provision for repairing the public buildings and improving the public square." The Senate have passed bills from this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act supplementary to an act providing for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due the United States;

An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duties therein mentioned;

An act authorizing the deposit of the papers of foreign vessels with the consuls of their respective nations;

An act for the relief of certain Creek Indians;

An act for the relief of John De Castanado;

An act respecting the district court of the United States in the northern district of New-York;

An act for the relief of Jumonville de Villiers;

An act for the relief of James Villere. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Forsyth, from the committee on Foreign Relations, to which was committed the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill entitled "An act more effectually to preserve the neutral relations of the United States," reported the agreement of that committee to the said amendments: When

A motion was made by Mr. Blount that the said

bill and amendments lie on the table; which motion was rejected by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Sharp that the said bill and amendments be postponed indefinitely.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas....37 / Nays....69 }

The yeas and nays being required by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Mr. Adgate,
Blount,
Brooks,
Cannon,
Carr, Ms.
Clark, N. Y.
Clark, N. C.
Clendennin,
Comstock,
Fletcher,
Forney,
Hammond,
Harrison,
Henderson,
Ingham,
Johnson, Va.
Johnson, Ky.
Kerr, Va.
Kilbourn,
Mr. Little,
Lyon,
Wm. Maclay,
Mason,
Hugh Nelson,
Parris,
Piper,
Reynolds,
Root,
Schenck,
Sharp,
Taul,
Wallace,
Wendover,
Whiteside,
Wilkin,
Thos. Wilson,
Wm. Wilson.....37

Those who voted in the negative, are

Mr. Adams,
Archer,
Atherton,
Baker,
Barbour,
Bassett,
Bennett,
Betts,
Bradbury,
Mr. Breckenridge,
Cady,
Calhoun,
Champion,
Chappell,
Creighton,
Culpepper,
Davenport,
Dickens,

Mr. Edwards,
Findley,
Forsyth,
Gaston,
Goodwyn,
Hahn,
Hale,
Hall,
Herbert,
Hopkinson,
Huger,
Hungerford,
Irving, N. Y.
Jackson,
Jewett,
King,
Langdon,
Law,
Lewis,
Lovett,
Lowndes,
Marsh,
M'Coy,
Moseley,
Jer. Nelson,
Newton,
Mr. Noyes,
Ormsby,
Peter,
Pickering,
Pitkin,
Pleasants,
Reed,
Roane,
Ruggles,
Smith, Md.
Stearns,
Strong,
Tallmadge,
Tate,
Taylor, N. Y.
Telfair,
Vose,
Ward, Ms.
Ward, N. J.
Webster,
Wilcox,
Wilde,
Williams,
Yancey,
Yates.....69.

The said amendments were then concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Forsyth, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House inform the Senate that the officers of this House are directed to prepare the Chamber of the House of Representatives in conformity to such directions as may be given by the Senate of the United States, for administering the oath of office to the President of the United States elect, on Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock.

A motion was made by Mr. H. Nelson to discharge the committee of the whole House from the further consideration of the bill extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the general land office, and for giving further time to complete the surveys, and to obtain patents for land located under Virginia resolution warrants

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Nelson then moved that the House go into a committee of the whole on the said bill; which motion was rejected by the House.

Mr. Nelson then moved that the said committee of the whole House be discharged, and that the bill be postponed indefinitely.

A division of the question on this motion was called for, and being taken on discharging the committee of the whole House,

Passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Nelson then withdrew that part of his motion for an indefinite postponement of the said bill.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill for the establishment of a national university, be discharged, and that the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

Ordered, That colonel Allan M'Lane, and James Goddard, have leave to withdraw the documents accompanying their respective petitions, presented at the present session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled, "An act to continue in force an act, en-

titled, 'An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the third day of March, 1815, and for other purposes." The Senate have *postponed indefinitely* the bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Berthelemy Duverger." They have *rejected* the bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of James Orr:" And they have passed bills from this House of the following titles, to-wit:

An act for the relief of Robert Burnside;

An act for the relief of Madame Montreuil;

An act for the relief of James H. Boisgervais; and

An act for the relief of Antoine Bienvenue.

And then he withdrew

An engrossed bill, entitled, "An act extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the general land-office, and for giving further time to complete the surveys and obtain patents for land located under Virginia resolution warrants," was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the title thereof be as aforesaid, and that the Clerk carry the said bill to the Senate and ask their concurrence therein.

Ordered, That the committee of the whole House, to which is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled, "An act to provide for the purchase and distribution of the laws of the United States," be discharged from a consideration thereof.

The question was then taken—"Shall this bill be read a third time?"

And determined in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from a further consideration of the several petitions and other matters referred to them at the present session, and upon which they have not reported to the House.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Root:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before the House of Representatives at the next session of Congress, a detailed statement of the expenditures of the contingent fund for foreign intercourse and for intercourse with the Barbary powers for the last four years.

The said resolution was read and postponed indefinitely.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have *postponed* until the 4th day of March, instant, the bill entitled "An act for the relief of James Caze and John Richaud." They have *rejected* the bill, entitled, "An act for the relief of Thomas and John Clifford, Elisha Fisher & Co., and Thomas Clifford, and Thomas Clifford & Son." And have passed bills of this House of the following titles, to wit:

An act to continue in force the second section of the act, entitled, "An act supplementary to the act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage."

An act for the relief of Asa Wells;

An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Teakle Savage, and others;

An act for the relief of Peyton Short;

An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Nathaniel Seavey and others;

An act for the relief of Joseph Summers and John Allen;

An act for the relief of Joseph J. Green;

An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to cause repayment to be made of certain alien duties;

An act for the relief of Peter Kindall;

An act for the relief of Alexander Holmes and Benjamin Hough; and

An act for the relief of Peter Cazlard; with amendments to the *two* latter. They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Briggs;" in which amendments and bill they ask the concurrence of this House: And then he withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Alexander Holmes and Benjamin Hough;" and to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Peter Cazlard," were read and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Briggs," was read the first and second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Taul, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act further to regulate the territories of the United States, and their electing delegates to Congress;

An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines who were lost in the United States' brig Epervier;

An act to amend the act, entitled "An act granting bounties, in land and extra pay, to certain Canadian volunteers," passed 5th March, 1816;

An act to authorize the extension of the Columbian turnpike road within the District of Columbia;

An act for making an appropriation for opening and cutting out a road therein described;

An act to provide for furnishing the house of the President of the United States;

An act repealing the act, entitled "An act for the safe keeping and accommodation of prisoners of war," passed July 6, 1812;

An act for the relief of certain officers;

An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments;

An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act directing the disposition of money paid into the courts of the United States;"

An act transferring the duties of commissioner of loans to the Bank of the United States, and abolishing the office of commissioner of loans;

An act making further provision for repairing the public buildings and improving the public square;

An act to provide for the redemption of the public debt;

An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States for the year 1817;

An act making additional appropriations to defray the expenses of the army and militia during the late war with Great Britain;

An act respecting the assessment and collection of the direct tax;

An act authorizing the appointment of a surveyor of the lands in the northern part of the Mississippi Territory, and the sale of certain lands therein described;

An act authorizing a subscription for the 10th volume of public documents;

An act more effectually to preserve the neutral relations of the United States;

An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States;

An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;

An an act to amend and explain an act giving pensions to the widows of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States;

An act to incorporate the subscribers to certain banks within the District of Columbia, and to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered associations within the said district;

An act for erecting a light house on the west chop of Holmes' Hole harbour, in the State of Massachusetts;

An act for the relief of Isaac Lawrence and others, merchants, residing in the city of New-York;

An act for the relief of Charles Williams;

An act for the relief of William Chism;

An act for the relief of William Oliver;

An act allowing further time for entering donation rights to lands in the district of Detroit;

An act making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the first article of the treaty of the 9th of August, 1814, between the United States and the Creek nation of Indians, to certain chiefs and warriors of that nation, and for other purposes;

An act to amend the act entitled "An act making further provision for military services during the late war, and for other purposes;

An act concerning invalid pensioners;

An act for the relief of Mary Wells;

An act to regulate the trade in Plaster of Paris;

An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and for other purposes;

An act compensating Peter Hagner;

An act for the relief of Caleb Nicholls;

An act for the relief of George Buckmaster;

An act for the relief of Henry Lee;

An act respecting the compensation of the collectors therein mentioned;

An act for the relief of Anthony Buck;

An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act relating to settlers on lands of the United States;"

An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the State of Georgia fifteen per centum upon the quota of direct tax for the year 1816, assumed and paid by that State;

An act to repeal so much of any acts now in force as authorizes a loan of money, or an issue of Treasury notes;

An act to fix the peace establishment of the marine corps;

An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage;

An act to alter and establish certain post-roads;

An act to establish a separate territorial government for the eastern part of the Mississippi Territory;

An act for the relief of the widow and children of Abraham Owen;

An act authorizing the payment of money to the State of Georgia, under the articles of agreement and cession between the United States and that State;

An act to continue in force an act entitled "An

act further to provide for the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage," passed the 3d March, 1815, and for other purposes;

An act for the relief of the widow and children of Arnold Henry Dorhman, deceased;

An act supplementary to an act providing for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due the United States;

An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duties therein mentioned;

An act authorizing the deposit of the papers of foreign vessels with the consuls of their respective nations;

An act for the relief of certain Creek Indians;

An act for the relief of John de Castanado;

An act respecting the district court of the United States in the northern district of New-York;

An act for the relief of Jumonville de Villiers;

An act for the relief of James Villere;

An act for the relief of Robert Burnside;

An act for the relief of Madame Montreuil;

An act for the relief of James H. Boisgervais;

An act to continue in force the second section of the act, entitled, "An act supplementary to the act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage;"

An act for the relief of Asa Wells;

An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Teakle Savage and others;

An act for the relief of Peyton Short;

An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Nathaniel Seavey and others;

An act for the relief of Joseph Summers and John Allen;

An act for the relief of Joseph J. Green;

An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to cause repayment to be made of certain alien duties;

An act for the relief of Peter Kindall;

An act for the relief of Alexander Holmes and Benjamin Hough;

An act for the relief of Peter Cazlard;

As, also, an enrolled resolution respecting the contracts for printing for Congress; and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When

The Speaker signed the said bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That the committee appointed on so much of the President's message, at the commencement of the session, as relates to an uniformity in weights and measures, be discharged from a further consideration of that subject.

On motion of Mr. Hugh Nelson,

Resolved, That there be paid out of the contingent fund of his House, to John Oswald Dunn, Elextius Spalding, George N. Thomas, William Pancoast, Samuel Stewart, William Lenman, James Barron, and George Cooper, the extra sum of one hundred dollars, each, as a gratuity for their uniform good conduct in the service of this House.

Resolved, That the extra sum of two hundred dollars be paid to James Claxton, out of the contingent fund of this House, for his faithful services in the post-office of this House.

Mr. Taul, from the committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had presented to the President of the United States the several enrolled bills, and resolution, the examination of which was last reported.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have *postponed*, until

the 4th day of March, instant, the bill of this House, entitled, "An act extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the general land office, and for giving further time to complete the surveys and obtain patents for lands located under Virginia resolution warrants."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Todd, his Secretary, informing that the President did this day approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1817;

An act to amend the act authorizing the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes, passed the 9th of April, 1816;

An act further to regulate the Territories of the United States, and their electing delegates to Congress;

An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines, who were lost in the United States' brig Epervier;

An act to amend the act, entitled, "An act granting bounties in land and extra pay, to Canadian volunteers," passed 5th of March, 1816;

An act to authorize the extension of the Columbian turnpike road within the District of Columbia.

An act making an appropriation for opening and cutting out a road therein described;

An act to provide for furnishing the house of the President of the United States;

An act repealing the act, entitled, "An act for the safe keeping and accommodation of prisoners of war," passed July 6th, 1812;

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tum, upon the quota of the direct tax for the year 1816, assumed and paid by that State;

An for the relief of Caleb Nichols;

An act to alter and establish certain post-roads;

An act to fix the peace establishment of the marine corps.

An act making further provision for repairing the public buildiugs and improving the public square;

An act to repeal so much of any acts now in force as authorizes a loan of money or an issue of Treasury notes;

An act for the relief of Mary Wells;

An act to amend an act, entitled "An act making further provision for military services during the late war, and for other purposes;

An act respecting the assessment and collection of the direct tax;

An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment for the year 1817;

An act to regulate the trade in Plaster of Paris;

An act transferring the duties of commissioner of loans to the Bank of the United States, and abolishing the office of commissioner of loans;

An act to provide for the redemption of the public debt;

An act for erecting a light house on the west chop Holmes' Hole harbour, in the State of Massachusetts;

An act concerning invalid pensioners;

An act for the relief of Anthony Buck;

An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year 1817;

An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to the State of Georgia, under the articles of agreement and cession between the United States and that State;

An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duties therein mentioned;

An act more effectually to preserve the neutral relations of the United States;

An act for the relief of certain Creek Indians;

An act for the relief of the widow and children of Abraham Owen;

An act for the relief of James Villere;

An act for the relief of William Oliver;

An act for the relief of George Buckmaster;

An act for the relief of Charles Williams;

An act for the relief of William Chism;

An act respecting the compensation of the collectors therein mentioned;

An act for the relief of Isaac Lawrence and others, merchants, residing in the city of New-York;

An act supplementary to an act entitled, "An act directing the disposition of the money paid into the courts of the United States;"

An act authorizing the payment of a sum of money to Teakle Savage and others;

An act respecting the district court of the United States, in the northern district of New-York;

An act for the relief of Peter Cazlard;

An act for the relief of Madame Montreuil;

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An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to cause repayment to be made of certain alien duties;

An act for the relief of Asa Wells;

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An act to continue in force the second section of the act entitled, "An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage;"

An act making additional appropriations to defray the expenses of the army and militia during the late war with Great Britain;

An act for the relief of Robert Burnside;

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An act authorizing the deposit of the papers of foreign vessels with the consuls of their respective nations;

An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act relating to settlers on the lands of the United States;

An act allowing further time for entering donation rights to lands in the district of Detroit;

An act making provision for the location of the lands reserved by the first article of the treaty of the 9th of August, 1814, between the United States and the Creek nation of Indians, to certain chiefs and warriors of that nation, and for other purposes;

An act for the relief of Henry Lee;

An act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage;

An act for the relief of certain officers;

An act supplementary to an act entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments;

An act supplementary to an act providing for the relief of persons imprisoned for debts due the United States.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did this day approve and sign enrolled bills of the following titles:

An act to incorporate the subscribers to certain banks within the District of Columbia, and to prevent the circulation of the notes of unchartered associations within the said district;

An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed the 3d of March, 1815, and for other purposes;

An act compensating Peter Hagner;

An act to authorize the appointment of a surveyor for the lands in the northern part of the Mississippi Territory, and the sale of certain lands therein described;

An act authorizing a subscription for the printing of the tenth volume of the public documents;

An act to continue in force an act entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;"

An act to amend and explain an act giving pensions to the orphans and widows of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States;

An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties, and for other purposes;

An act to establish a separate territorial government for the eastern part of the Mississippi Territory;

An act for the relief of the widow and children of Arnold Henry Dorhman, deceased; And

An enrolled resolution respecting the contract for printing for Congress. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Jackson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress. And

Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Hopkinson, were appointed of the committee on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr Cutts, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate concur in the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to notify the President of the proposed recess of Congress.

Mr. Jackson, from the joint committee aforesaid, reported that the committee had waited on the President of the United States, and performed the duty delegated by the resolution, and were informed by the President that he had no further communication to make to Congress.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House, having completed the business before them, are now ready to adjourn—and that the Clerk go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message, and having returned,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Cutts, their Secretary, as follows:

Mr. Speaker—The Senate having completed

the legislative business before them, are now ready to adjourn.

An adjournment being moved and seconded,

Mr. Speaker arose and addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen,

Before I perform the last duty of the presiding officer of the House, I will avail myself of the occasion to make my respectful acknowledgments for the flattering expression of favourable opinion which has been recently made, and which was rendered more interesting by the quarter from which it proceeded. Next to the approbation of one's own conscience, and one's country, that of the immediate representatives of the people must ever be most acceptable. But I feel, that in the instance of that just bestowed on me, I am more indebted to the kindness than to the justice of the House. For I am quite sensible, that in the course of my administration of the duties of the chair, called upon, as I frequently was, promptly to decide complicated and embarrassing questions, as they suddenly arose, I must have committed many errors. And if I have been able, in any degree, to satisfy the just expectations of the House, it is owing to that liberal support which has been, on all sides, generously accorded me.

In legislation there are three periods of extraordinary difficulty, and requiring great fortitude. The first is that which immediately precedes a war, and in which preparation is made for the event. The second, that which accompanies the war; and the third that which immediately follows the war. During the two first, however, there were animating circumstances always existing, which invigorated the legislative function. During the last, the stimulus is gone, and being replaced by relaxation, the legislator needs more fortitude. He has to survey the whole fabric of the State; to accommodate it to the new circumstances in which it is placed; to provide a revenue for redeeming the debt of the

war; to retrench, and, by the reduction of the establishments, to dismiss from the service of the country many of those who have nobly contributed to sustain its glory.

It has been your lot, gentlemen, to be cast in the last of the three periods mentioned. And I take great pleasure, regardless of the motives which may be ascribed to me, in testifying to the patience, the diligence, and the zeal which you have manifested in the public service. I am greatly deceived if, as the result of your labours, at no distant day, there will not be acknowledged to have been laid by you, the deepest foundations of the national prosperity. That you may long continue to live to witness and to participate in that prosperity; and that you may experience, on your return to your respective homes, every blessing of which our nature is susceptible, is the ardent wish of one, who, wherever he may be, will never cease to cherish of all of you, the most agreeable and affectionate recollections.

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